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Concepts are being finalized for MDOT re-structuring

Grayling to get northern Lower Michigan's Regional Office

The Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT's) re-structuring brings services closer to customers while saving up to \$17 million for investment in transportation improvements.

The re-structuring of services will have a large impact on Grayling, since Grayling will be one of the new regional offices covering northern Lower Michigan.

The reorganization actually was planned for a three to five year phase-in, but is moving more rapidly due to Governor John Engler's early retirement program.

"As MDOT employees come of retirement age, we must take the opportunity to provide the citizens of Michigan with a smaller, more efficient government while supporting our growing economy," Engler said.

Approximately 400 to 500 MDOT employees will come of retirement age in the spring/summer of 1997 and take advantage of the governor's early retirement program, saving up to \$17 million for increased investment in equipment, road and bridge repair and infrastructure improvements.

Northern Lower Michigan will see the establishment of six full-service

facilities, comprised of one Regional Office in Grayling and five Transportation Service Centers (TSC) located in West Branch, Cadillac, Traverse City, Gaylord and Alpena.

The Grayling Regional MDOT Office will serve the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Iosco, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Missaukee, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon and Wexford.

"MDOT has advertised for properties, new or renovated, in the Grayling area to establish a more permanent regional office location," said James Briney, Road Commission For Crawford County managing

director. "In the meantime, MDOT staff are meeting in the board room of The Road Commission For Crawford County and will have at least one staff person working out of the road commission, until the regional office is determined."

Streamlining operations and giving taxpayers more value for their money is the focus of Engler's "early retirement program" which will save Michigan taxpayers millions each year across state government. In 1998, MDOT will be 25 percent smaller than in 1992, with 1,100 fewer workers.

The reduction in staffing allows MDOT to relocate key customer services within one-hour drive time from most customers, providing improved customer service. These service improvements will come

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through the implementation of 31 Transportation Service Centers, seven Regional MDOT Offices and increased privatization, supporting MDOT's efforts to operate more like a business and less like a bureaucracy.

These changes represent a consolidation from nine districts and 52 project offices and other facilities which are primarily focused on construction.

"This is a win-win situation for both the department and the citizens of Michigan," said State Transportation Director Robert Welke. "Those eligible for early retirement can spend more time with their families, those remaining in the department will get new challenges and responsibility, and our customers will receive improved

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Big storm causes many power outages

Crawford County and most of northern Michigan was hit by a big wind storm mixed with snow to bring winter back to the area.

The Sunday, April 6, snow and wind storm followed a week in which the region saw spring-like temperatures, providing for numerous outdoor activities.

Sunday started out as a nice day for those outdoor activities, but then came the rain and the wind. The thunderstorm turned to snow later in the day, but the one constant was the strong wind.

In fact the strong winds caused problems for the area power companies. Some areas reported gusts as high as 60 mph, according to one electric company.

A number of Crawford County residents were left without power due to Sunday's storm and strong winds. It took some time, but the two major power companies in the county were able to have most of their customers back with power by Monday, April 7.

Consumers Energy sustained power loss to approximately 1,900 customers in Crawford County and the northern part of Roscommon County. An official said the loss of power to these customers was due to the strong winds recently.

The Consumers Energy spokesperson said on Tuesday, April 8, that all of its power problems in Crawford County had been cleared up.

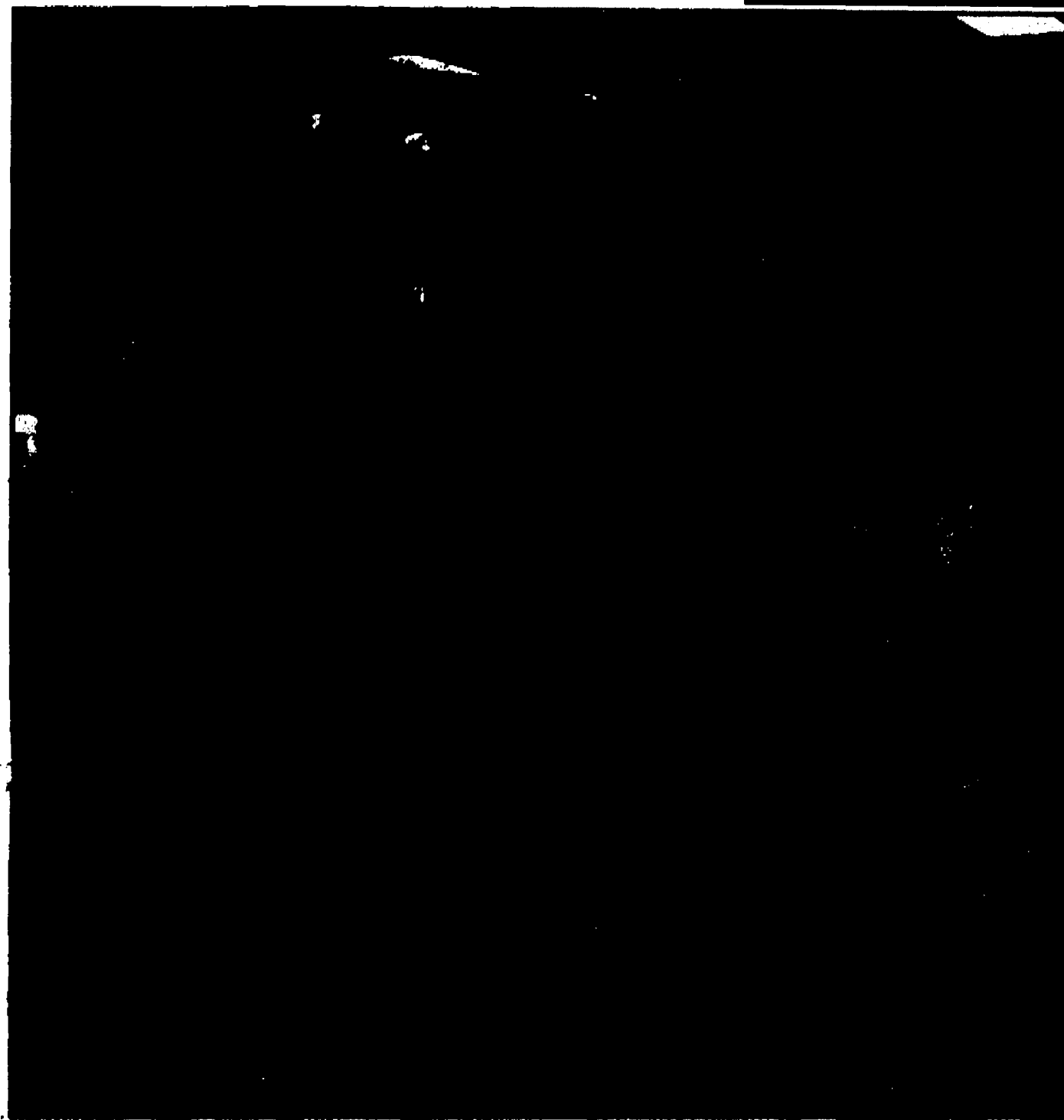
Top O' Michigan Electric Company also had problems with power loss because of the strong winds, thunderstorms and snow.

During the height of the storm Sunday evening, an estimated 4,000 Top O' Michigan customers were without power. The outages were scattered through the 12 counties Top O' Michigan serves.

Although Top O' Michigan officials could not be reached for a final word, a news release from the company stated that crews were expected to restore power to those less than 200 customers who remained without power on Monday, April 7.

Most of the customers who remained without power on Monday were located in the Grayling and Fife Lake areas.

Any Top O' Michigan customers who may be still without power can use the company's computerized outage reporting system by dialing 1-800-678-0411.



ADMIRING THE QUILTS -- Karen Coykendall-Wagner (left) of San Francisco points out a portion of a quilt to her mother, Gerry Coykendall, of Grayling. The two were at the AuSable Quilt Guild's 1997 quilt show on Friday. Story on page 6A. photo by Lisa Hofman

Cleanup alternatives discussed

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

The Michigan Department of Military Affairs (MDMA) had solved one environmental problem at the Bulk Fuel Facility located near the Grayling-McNamara Airfield in Grayling, but another environmental problem arose.

Environmental officials from Lansing Headquarters of the MDMA and Camp Grayling continue to monitor the site and have proposed a groundwater treatment system to reduce the concentration.

Military officials held a public hearing on the proposed groundwater treatment system on the March 26 Camp Grayling Community Council meeting. Gary Hoffmaster, an official with the environmental office at Lansing Headquarters, explained to residents the situation and the plans for the clean up.

The public hearing also was part of the public comment period on the proposed cleanup process. Public comments on the situation will be taken by the MDMA until April 14. Plans are to design the treatment system by May with system construction completed by Oct. 1.

The Bulk Fuel Facility is part of Camp Grayling's Aviation Support Facility #2. The site was used as a bulk fuel storage and distribution center for Camp Grayling.

Hoffmaster pointed out that certain practices which occurred years ago may have caused the environmental impacts. Officials said this was at a time when there was limited knowledge of the impacts associated with accidental spills or disposal of waste and other items.

The current situation started in June 1984 when a large release of diesel fuel from a ruptured pipeline occurred at the Bulk Fuel Facility. By 1990 the diesel fuel contamination had been remediated.

But at this time, the MDMA contractor detected another environmental concern near the diesel fuel spill. A groundwater plume impacted with tetrachloroethene (PCE) was found.

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Grayling wildfire hearing draws 150 residents

Lowe, Gernaat hear concerns, suggestions about area fire danger

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

State Rep. Allen Lowe (R-Grayling) told the audience that he needed to hear residents' concerns about the wildfire situation and suggestions of possible ways to pay for additional Department of Natural Resources (DNR) firefighters.

That is just what Lowe and fellow State Rep. John Gernaat got. The open microphone at the public hearing held at Grayling High School on Thursday, April 3, gave nearly 20 persons an opportunity to express their concerns and communicate possible funding proposals.

About 150 residents — from Crawford County and the surrounding area — attended the first of five public hearings scheduled in northern Michigan. The public hearings were planned following the report issued by the Michigan Wildfire Task Force, which was formed by Lowe.

The report found that DNR wildfire funding had not kept up with inflation. The situation is compounded by the fact that over this time there also has been an increase in the amount of homes in northern Michigan. The task force found that the number of DNR firefighters was too low. Currently there are 98 DNR fire officers and the task force report states there should be at least 142.

Following the five public hearings, Lowe said a legislative task force made up of Democrats and Republicans will sit down and attempt to draft some type of legislation. According to Lowe, the legislative task force will consider

the comments and proposals offered at these public hearings.

DNR Forest Fire Supervisor Mike Paluda, a member of the wildfire task force, presented a slide show on the various findings of the task force report. The other task force members who attended the Grayling hearing were Chris Bunch, Jack LaRose, Duane Brooks and Ed Holtcamp.

Paluda mentioned new information that the governor may replace those DNR fire officers opting for early retirement on a one-for-one basis.

According to Lowe, the DNR director has stated his support for a one-for-one replacement plan for those fire officers retiring. Word is Gov. John Engler also will support this concept, Lowe said.

Mike Janisse, chief of the South Branch Fire Department was one of the individuals who expressed his concerns on the wildfire issue.

"I applaud the governor's effort on replacing the early-out retirees on a one-for-one basis, but that is not enough," Janisse said. "(DNR fire fighter totals) are already below normal, so more DNR fire officers are needed."

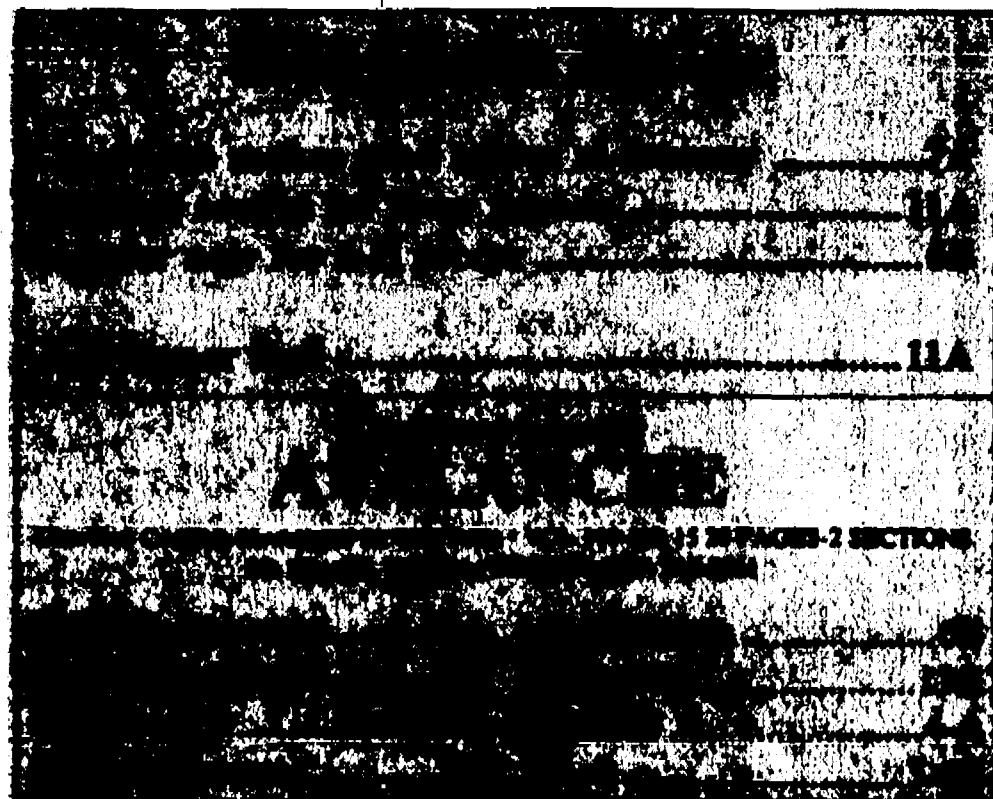
James Stender of the Denton Township Fire Department mentioned the loss of more than 100 homes in the Stephan Bridge Road fire in Crawford County in 1990. Stender said that situation could happen many times in over in Michigan right now with the way things are.

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GETTING PUBLIC INPUT — State representatives — Allen Lowe, left, and John Gernaat — listen to residents at the public hearing on the wildfire issue. Lowe and Gernaat represent constituents from northern Michigan areas.

Photo by Eric Gaertner



COUNTRY AT HEART

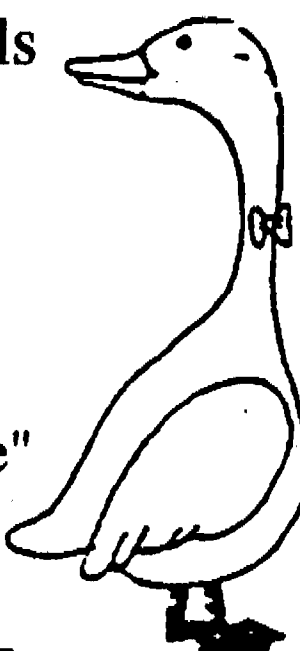
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Details finalized for Warbler festival

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

It is only a little more than a month away, and officials are busy making the final arrangements for the 1997 Kirtland's Warbler Festival.

The Warbler Festival is scheduled for Saturday, May 17, and Sunday, May 18. The Kirtland's warbler, a small and endangered bird, is the namesake of the place where the festival will take place, Kirtland Community College (KCC).

The community planning committee continues to work out all of the details for the festival. Representatives from the four-county area, including persons from Crawford County, make up the planning committee.

The programs for the festival are coming together really well, said Linda Barnes, KCC consultant and

chairperson of the 1997 festival. This year the committee has planned a lot of extra events and special programs.

One of the special features this year is there will be no admission charge, Barnes said. The presentations by photographer Jeremy Jones, artist Gijbert van Frankenhuyzen and featured presenter Denny Olson also will be free to the public.

The one special feature this year that will have a charge is a seminar on canoeing and kayaking. Barnes said this seminar will cost a small charge of \$20.

The committee members are setting up a fishing pond for kids. Another event for youngsters is a camp out for Boy Scouts. According to Barnes, approximately 200 Boy Scouts will be coming in during the festival to camp on the KCC campus.

The members of the community committee are not the only people working on the Kirtland's Warbler Festival. The Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have been helping out officials with certain projects.

Area businesses and other organizations have helped the festival financially, Barnes said.

The festival, which is designed to celebrate the gradual return of the Kirtland's warbler and its home in the Jack Pine and AuSable River ecosystem, also will be involved with the area school systems, including Crawford AuSable Schools.

The exact time has not been finalized yet, but the festival's featured presenter Denny Olson will conduct a program in the Grayling Middle School auditorium on May 15 for students.

Festival officials also are planning on holding a program by Olson for the

community at the Grayling High School auditorium. The presentation would be conducted on the evening of May 15.

MERCY HOSPITAL BIRTHS

Ivan Bush and Tabitha Carrothers of Grayling, announce the arrival of Kara Renee, born March 20, 1997.

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David and Kathy Bendig of Grayling, announce the arrival of Brady Victor Bendig, born March 23, 1997.

Jeffrey and Michelle Weber of Lewiston, announce the arrival of Morgan Lee Weber, born March 24, 1997.

Randy Felix and Victoria McConnell of Mio, announce the

arrival of Justin Lee, born March 25, 1997.

Anthony and Jaime Grech of Roscommon, announce the arrival of Joseph Anthony Grech, born March 27, 1997.

William and Tammy Sprague of Prudenville, announce the arrival of Reece MacArthur Sprague, born March 28, 1997.

Charles and Sindy Booms of Manton, announce the arrival of Rachelle Renee Booms, born March 28, 1997.

Mark and Melody Wildeman of Gaylord, announce the arrival of Holly Noel Wildeman, born March 28, 1997.

Assistant position goes to local man

It was not that long ago that the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce and Grayling Area Visitors Council (GAVC) had to fill the vacant executive director's position.

The members of both organizations accomplished that by hiring Lynn Porritt-McConnell of Grayling. Among her first duties was to fill the open administrative assistant position for the chamber and GAVC.

Tim Zigala, a lifelong Grayling resident, was hired as the new administrative assistant to the executive director. Zigala was picked from a group of applicants to take over for Michelle Parker, the former administrative assistant.

Zigala will be working with the public, local businesses and all other individuals and groups dealing with the chamber and GAVC, both local and non-local.

The administrative assistant works for the executive director and has a number of responsibilities. Some of the assistant's responsibilities include handling all accounts receivable and payables, keeping accounting records, preparing board agenda items, assisting the director in the preparation and distribution of the monthly newsletter, and updating the information of the chamber's Internet home page.

"I am pleased he took the job," Porritt-McConnell said of Zigala. "He has picked things up fast."

Adopt-a-forest to keep Michigan clean

Wildlands in Michigan are being buried in trash. In Michigan's lower peninsula alone, it is estimated that 200,000 cubic yards of trash have been dumped illegally on wild land.

According to the Adopt-a-Forest program, that means placed end-to-end that there are three miles of rusted car bodies; 167 miles of dirty, discarded sofas, mattresses and chairs; 66 miles of worn-out stoves, refrigerators and washing machines; 29 miles of blown-out tires; and mountains of shingles, demolition materials and yardwaste.

Those that choose to become a part of the program should choose a parcel of land to adopt. They must periodically inspect the parcel and clean up trash that was disposed of on the land.

Those that can adopt a parcel are individuals, families, organizations, businesses, recreationists, clubs and schools.

To adopt a parcel call or write: Adopt-a-Forest, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 128, Roscommon, MI 48653, 517-275-5151.

Forestry income tax provisions posted for private landowners

Have you recently sold timber from your woodland? Or are you considering having a timber harvest? Then you should be aware that income generated from timber sales is taxable income. However, according to experts at Michigan State University Extension, there are ways that private landowners can minimize the amount of tax they must pay to the IRS on income received from timber sales.

"Over the last 10 years, the value of some species of timber, especially high quality hardwoods, have risen dramatically," said Russell Kidd, a forester with MSU Extension. "As a result, when a landowner sells his or her timber in today's markets, they can receive a significant amount of extra income that may create a large income tax liability. Many landowners just haven't planned ahead to offset the additional income tax that they reporting of timber sale revenue will generate."

According to Kidd, landowners can take advantage of certain income tax provisions such as long term capital gains and depletion allowance that can help minimize the income tax owed in reporting timber sale revenue. "However, a landowner needs to structure themselves on paper to take advantage of some of these provisions," said Kidd.

To begin with, it's important to understand that timber sale income can qualify for long term capital gains treatment — if a landowner meets all the conditions set by the IRS. "Considering that most private timber sales are sold using the lump-sum method," said Kidd, "then a landowner must have owned his or her timber for

at least a year and the trees severed from the roots in order to qualify for long term capital gains treatment."

The importance of capital gains income is that it is taxed at a maximum of 28 percent and that self-employed people do not pay self-employment tax on this type of income. Thus for certain taxpayers, the benefit of long term capital gains is important.

The other important tax treatment is the depletion allowance. "The Internal Revenue Service only wants to tax you on the profit you make from your timber sale," said Kidd. "That means that a landowner can subtract the cost of their timber at the time they acquired their property (also known as basis) from the total amount of income generated from the sale."

Kidd explains that it's similar to when you cash in stocks and must report that to the IRS. You are able to subtract your initial cost or purchase price of the stock from the sales price when you cashed it in and get taxed on the difference (assuming it's a gain). In the case of timber, however, you must use the depletion allowance method to determine how much of the timber cost or basis that you can rightfully deduct.

Therefore, it is essential that a landowner first establish their basis or cost of their timber in order to use the depletion allowance. There is also a special IRS form that landowners can use to help them report depletion allowance. It's called Form T, Forest Activities Schedules.

"In my experience it's not unusual to find that many landowners never established their timber basis at the time they acquired the property," said

Kidd. "Landowners can establish their basis after the fact, but the cost or benefit may not be worth it for some landowners. The general rule of thumb is that if you acquired your property within the last 10-12 years, then it is probably worth paying a professional consulting forester the fee to have them determine what your timber cost or basis was at that time."

There is also another important point that private landowners should keep in mind to help minimize the tax they have to pay on timber sale income. According to Kidd, any expenses that a landowner incurs that are directly related to the sale of timber can be deducted from the income they receive from the sale. "For example, if a landowner pays a consulting forester to market his or her timber, uses an attorney to inspect the legality of the timber sale contract or pays to have boundaries marked by a surveyor, then these costs can be deducted from the proceeds of the sale," Kidd explained.

Considering the long term nature of timber ownership, landowners need to keep good records of their basis, timber sale expenses and other items to be able to use that information at some future date when timber is sold or in case of an IRS audit situation. "Also, don't assume that your tax preparer fully understands this specialized area of the tax law," said Kidd. "You should be sure and ask if they are aware that these timber tax provisions exist and if they know how to apply them."

For more information about timber tax treatments, marketing timber or timber sales contracts, contact the Crawford County MSU Extension office at 517-348-2844 ext. 264.



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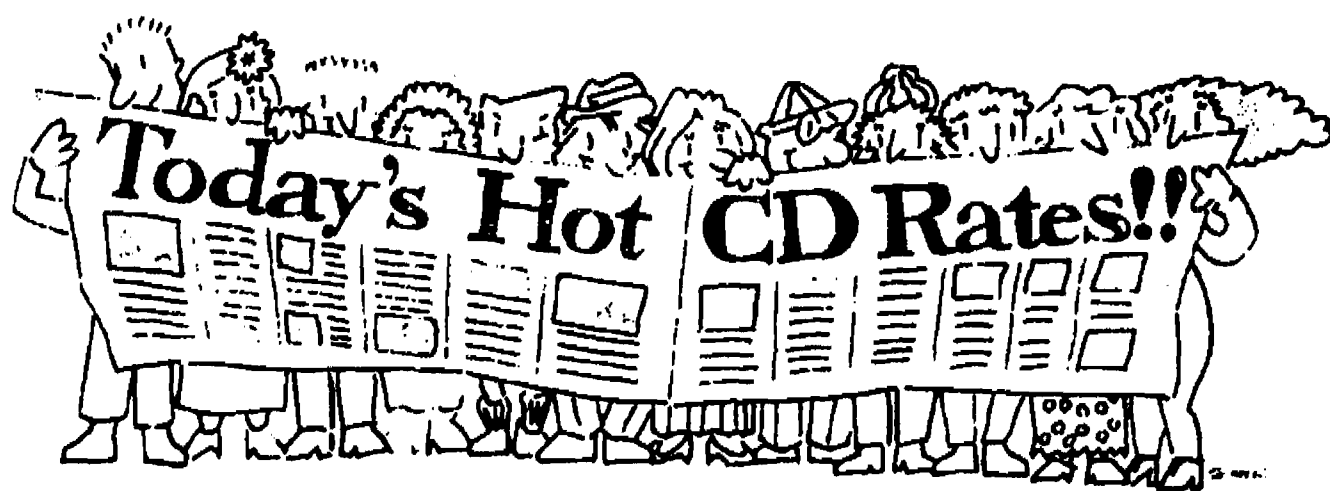
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Director keeps busy with chamber

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

A change of executive directors for the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce and Grayling Area Visitors Council (GAVC) has kept the new director busy, working on things in regard to the change of seasons.

Lynn Porritt-McConnell, who was hired as the new executive director in March replacing Jerry Meyer, has been attending various committee meetings in the area and has begun work changing the priority of the chamber and GAVC from the winter season to the spring and summer seasons.

Porritt-McConnell began work on March 17. She replaced Meyer, the former executive director, and Ron Joyce, the interim director.

There are a number of changes going on at the chamber and GAVC levels with the snowmobile activity gearing down. Porritt-McConnell said one of the changes is to modify the chamber's Internet web page.

Throughout the winter season, the web page featured snowmobiling and snowmobile trail conditions. Porritt-McConnell said the chamber will switch the web page to contain a fishing report for the spring and summer seasons.

The fishing report will contain fishing conditions and other details on



Lynn Porritt-McConnell

fly fishing and other fishing aspects, she said. The home page will be geared toward the outdoor activities for the season.

Porritt-McConnell also mentioned that there is a great potential for fly fishing in the area.

Although the snowmobile season is gearing down, there still is an important issue involving snowmobiles for area organizations. Porritt-McConnell said the proposed snowmobile through the City of Grayling is still a big issue.

The proposed snowmobile along the railroad right-of-way would connect Grayling to Gaylord with the extension of the current trail which extends from Gaylord to Frederic.

Porritt-McConnell said the chamber has received word that the U.S. Forest Service has Grayling listed as an alternative for a timber bridge for the proposed trail. The timber bridge would go across the AuSable River in Grayling. The alternate status means Grayling's request will be considered if one of the other locations does not happen.

With less than a month as executive director, Porritt-McConnell has spent time meeting with various committees in the area to get an idea of programs. She said she has met with officials about the school-to-work program, the county-wide snowmobile ordinance and the Grayling Uptown District Association to name a few. Some other committee meetings she will be attending include the Festival Committee for the 50th AuSable Canoe Marathon and the Beautification Committee.

The AuSable/Manistee Roundtable has been working very well, Porritt-McConnell said. They have made good progress.

The roundtable group includes proponents of canoeing, fly fishing and others concerned with the activities on the AuSable and Manistee rivers. Porritt-McConnell said the group shows that canoeers and fly fishermen can co-exist.



SNOWMOBILE WINNER—Rich Filley (right), president of the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association, presents the Sam May family with a Kitty Kat snowmobile. The winning family is from Wyandotte. This was the second annual Kitty Kat raffle and the proceeds go directly into trail grooming.

Range 40 study enters final phase

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

The final report of the environmental evaluation and assessment of Camp Grayling's Range 40 Complex is not expected until late spring of this year, but military and environmental officials already have learned various things from the study.

The more than \$2 million study is being conducted to determine the potential environmental impacts due to the weapons firing and military

training activities at the Range 40 Complex. To resolve questions of alleged environmental violations, the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) entered into a Consent Order agreement in 1991, requiring the DMA to conduct an environmental assessment of the range.

The 27,000-acre complex is operated by the DMA and is located north of County Road 612 in Lovells Township. The range contains a 7,000-acre impact area used for artillery and aircraft weapons target practice.

Camp Grayling Environmental Manager John Hunt said the samples for the last phase of the comprehensive study have been completed and have been sent to the lab. The environmental staff plans to finish the final report after the results from the lab are returned.

Hunt gave a presentation concerning the Range 40 study at the March 26 Camp Grayling Community Council meeting. He spoke of the things that have already been learned by officials because of the study's findings.

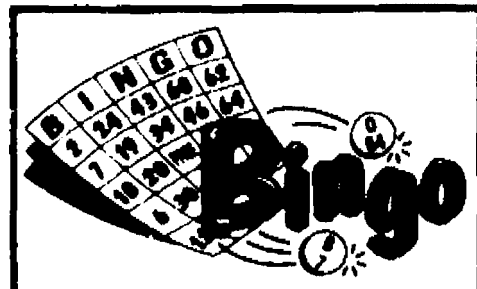
From the samples during the study, Hunt said officials have learned that the groundwaters are not impacted by explosives. The study also called for samples of fish and water to test any impact. The study showed that the fish in streams and lakes are not impacted, Hunt told the military officials, area governmental officials and residents at the meeting.

The study also has led to some changes in military functions. According to Hunt, the study's findings show that altering certain training can limit potential impacts to the environment.

According to Hunt, the Range 40 environmental study is very important. He said a training facility in Massachusetts may have its training impact area shut down by the Environmental Protection Agency

because officials there did not conduct a study.

When the Range 40 study is completed, it does not mean that environmental issues will end. Hunt said officials have plans to look at all of the Camp Grayling ranges including a similar study of the mortar range.



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Sr. Jean Umfor, RSM, holistic clinical care coordinator for Mercy Health Services North, will provide class participants with demonstrations of Therapeutic Touch. She will also describe the applications of the therapy for self care and family wellness care, including stress reduction, relaxation, pain management, post-operative healing, chronic illness and hospice care.

The free session, "Therapeutic Touch for Health and Wellness" will be held Saturday, April 19, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Riverside Room at Mercy Hospital. Registration is required by calling Mercy Healthline at 1-800-33-MERCY.

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Allen Lowe

The administration's response was to have legislation introduced to allow for the creation of Renaissance Zones. Businesses located in these areas would be free from the burden of state and local taxes for up to 15 years. Freedom from taxation is a strong incentive for business to locate in any area. If a city is receiving no tax payments on many of its parcels, they may forego the business taxes to have the jobs. This policy could also benefit rural areas that suffered from the same lack of economic development. The jobs created would bring an economic

Last, the law says that some of the economically depressed areas of the state will not be able to benefit, because

The Michigan legislature needs to make two simple changes to the Renaissance Zone legislation. We need to allow any community that meets the criteria to benefit from its provisions. Help for depressed urban and rural areas should not be dependent on their ability to "sell" their idea to a bureaucratic board. We also need to ensure that a program designed to benefit depressed urban and rural areas is not being used to cut the taxes of the wealthy. Although I support the concept, I cannot support the current state policy.

The Crawford County Avalanche has received "Letters to the Editor" submitted from some residents recently which have been unsigned and/or did not include a phone number. Every "Letter to the Editor" must be signed by the author to be published. Also, if other residents add their names to the letter, then each person must sign the letter and include his or her phone number.

The Avalanche is happy to hear from its readers in regards to current issues and other topics, but please sign the letter before submitting it.

One thing for sure ... when Chelsea goes to college she should major in world history .. she's been around the world.

I have noticed lately that the number of "Letters to the Editor" has slowed down ... expressing one's opinion is welcome in all newspapers. The

- **China Card:** Jay Leno, on White House campaign finance scandals: "It really shows the difference between the Republicans and Democrats. Remember in the early '80s Nancy Reagan was in trouble for buying new White House china? And now, 16 years later, President Clinton is in trouble for allowing China to buy the White House."
- **Castling Call:** David Letterman, on President Clinton's treatment after his fall and knee surgery. "He's using a non-narcotic muscle relaxer. I believe her name is Rhonda."

'Nuf said for this time ...

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BRIEFS

1996 yearbooks available for pick up

The Grayling High School 1996 SAGA Yearbook is available to be picked up. Yearbooks can be picked up before school starts at 8:15 a.m. or after school ends at 2:52 p.m. Extra copies of the yearbook are available for \$35. Previous year's yearbooks are also available. Call SAGA adviser Nancy Lemmen at 348-7641, ext. 116 for availability of certain years.

Choir concert, awards date changed

The Grayling Middle and High School choir concert and fine arts awards has been changed from April 15 to May 27. The program will begin at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Class of '92 to have reunion

The Grayling High School Class of 1992 will have a fifth year class reunion on Saturday, July 12 from 4-9 p.m. at Hartwick Pines State Park. Call Andrea at 517-347-2064 if you have not received your invitation.

Furst named to FSU honors list

Amy M. Furst of Grayling was among the students recently honored for academic excellence at the 39th annual Ferris State University Academic Honors Convocation. Full-time students were required to earn a 3.5 grade point average; part-time students were required to maintain a 3.3 grade point average.

Michelson to have oriental dinner

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, Grayling, will hold an Oriental dinner on Friday, April 18 from 5-7 p.m. Ticket prices are adult, \$6; children, \$3; and family \$20.

Project Graduation to hold pancake supper

GHS Project Graduation '97 hold a pancake supper on Monday, April 14, from 4-7 p.m. at Lone Pine Restaurant. The price is \$3.50 for ages five and up, those under five are free. Marilyn Stampfly from the Lone Pine Restaurant is donating all the profits and tips to Project Graduation.

SHARE sign-up to be held

There will be a SHARE sign-up on April 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Commission on Aging. The SHARE pick-up will be April 25 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Reorganized Church of the Latter Day Saints on North Down River Road.



The Sheriff's Department of Crawford County dealt with the following 118 incidents from March 30 through April 7:

Assault (1), Burglary (3), Larceny (1), Forg/Count (1), Property Damage (2), Controlled Substance (1), Obscenity (1), Fam/Child (1), Public Peace (7), OUI/OUID (4), Citations (3), Health and Safety (25), Invasion of Privacy (2), Conservation (2), MiscCrim (3), Minors (3), Accidents (13), Non-traffic Accident (3), TrafPolic (1), TrafSafePR (2), False Alarm (3), Hazardous Condition (1), InspVeh (1), Civil /FT (7), Suspicious Situation (6), Missing Person (1) and General Non-Criminal (20).

Safety issue for boaters debated

by Laura A. Potts
Capital News Service

With Michigan's boating season just around the bend, legislators are hoping for a safer summer on the water.

Two bills introduced in the House would promote boating safety by creating a training and certification program established by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Rep. Jessie Dalman (R-Holland) sponsored the bills, which are being discussed in the Conservation, Environment and Recreation Committee. Dalman and her co-sponsors are being praised for their concern about boating safety by those who patrol the waterways, such as Emmet County Marine Officer Dennis Jessick.

"It's long, long overdue," Jessick said. "The number of accidents are climbing at fantastic rates. It's alarming and sad."

Michigan, which ranks first in the nation for registered boats, has the fourth highest number of boating accidents, Dalman said.

Jessick attributes the climbing number of boating accidents to the proliferation of personal watercraft (PWC), commonly known as jet skis. He said most PWCs are under 12-foot long and can reach speeds greater than 60 mph.

"Jet skis have the highest fatality rate," he said. "You can hurt yourself very severely through the lack of a little bit of knowledge."

Children aged 12 to 16 are required to complete a boating safety class to operate a motor vessel of six horsepower or greater without adult supervision, Jessick said.

"A lot of youngsters are operating these powerful machines and they're not certified," he said.

Dalman's boater safety bills aim to change that and certify adults, as well.

However, not everyone is happy with the language in the bill.

Mindy Koch, DNR legislative liaison, said the department agrees that boating safety is a major concern, but that implementing the current bill would be costly and time consuming. "Generally, it would require training and certifying all boaters," she said. "We believe we'd have more than three million boaters to certify."

A possible solution to certifying a large number of boaters would be to gradually phase in the program, similar to the way the hunters' safety program was implemented, Koch said.

Koch said the DNR probably would train instructors to certify boaters, and assure they are stationed around Michigan.

The certification process would be similar to the one given to young boaters. Licensed boaters would have a sticker of proof to attach to the back of their driver's license or identification card.

But Elizabeth Boyd, communications director for the Secretary of State, is concerned about executing the bill, in light of the new digitalized license scheduled to be phased in next year.

She said digitalization will force stickers to be phased out, making boater certification on driver's licenses impractical.

Boyd suggests legislation should be directed at the major cause of accidents.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: Why can't bad weather forecasts be as wrong as often as good ones?

We had a lovely Spring; wonderful Summer; all of which lasted four days, but now Winter is upon us again! We know Spring is coming, but WHEN?

We had 68 folks for Sunday brunch and they thoroughly enjoyed the French toast and fixings, plus they had such a good time visiting with one another. If you haven't tried it yet, be sure and mark your calendars for the first Sunday in May. Serving from 10 to 1 so you can make church either before or after.

One more week, so please call for an appointment if you need help with your taxes, heating credit, prescription credit, etc. Help will be here every Tuesday and Friday from 9 to 3 (517-348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500).

Stop by or give us a call if you have any questions, need help or just for fun (308 Lawndale — 348-7123 or toll

free 1-888-355-4500). Remember, if you life isn't becoming to you ... you should becoming to us!

Join us for meals: We serve at noon and 5 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and at noon on Friday. Vegetable and fruit salad bar on Tuesday; soup served on Monday and Wednesday; and bread, juice and milk offered each meal. The cost is \$1.50 donation for seniors, and \$3 charge for those under 60. Please try to make a reservation if you can by calling 348-7123. Menus are subject to change without notice.

April

09—Spaghetti and Meatballs/Roast Beef

10—Pepper Steak/Pork Steak

11—Roast Chicken/no dinner

14—Chicken Cacciatore/Roast Beef

15—Goulash/Italian Round Steak

16—Veal Parmesan/BBQ Chicken

17—Baked Ham/Meatloaf

18—BBQ Beef/no dinner

Former director gets new job

Former Director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program for Crawford County Helen I. Gaines has recently been named second vice-president/trust officer of North Country Bank and Trust. The regional bank has 26 offices across the Upper Peninsula.

Her office will be at the bank's Sault Ste. Marie downtown location. She will specialize in trusts, investments and retirement plan services in the Eastern U.P.

"We are pleased to have someone with Helen's extensive legal background join our trust staff," said Ronald G. Ford, bank president and chief executive officer.

Gaines is a graduate of Hoover High School in Flint and the University of Michigan, Flint. She earned her law degree from Cooley Law School in Lansing and was the first director and staff attorney of Cooley Clinic, Inc., a nonprofit law firm serving the legal needs of nonprofit organizations. She also was an adjunct professor at the school.

Prior to joining North Country Bank and Trust, she was in private practice.



Helen Gaines

RANGE FIRING

Range firing will be conducted at Camp Grayling during the period April 10 through April 16, in the following areas:

The Small Arms ranges located at Arrowhead Road in Kalkaska County. Firing will begin on April 12 and cease on April 13.

The Small Arms ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline, and south of Portage Creek. Firing will begin on April 12 and cease on April 13.

Range 13, Mortar Range located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Cadillac County Line, north of Daniels Road and east of the gas pipeline. Firing will begin and end on April 13.

The Range 40 Complex located north of County Road 612, east of Sherman Road, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road P97 (Twin Bridge Road). Firing will be conducted on April 10 and 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; April 10 from 7 to 9 p.m.; April 15 and 16, from 8 to 9 p.m.

Range 30 Complex located north of North Down River Road, east of Jones Lake Road, south of County Road 612, and west of the Damon Track Trail. Firing will begin on April 15 and cease on April 17.

For further information, call (517) 348-3708 or 1-800-628-5820.

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Submit your public events to the Crawford County Avalanche

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APRIL 1997

Pancake Supper at the Lone Pine Restaurant, Monday, April 14

THURS. 10	•MINIMAL FEE BLOOD PRESSURE screens and Blood Sugar screenings, 11 am to 23 noon •COA (Commission on Aging). •PLAY GROUP meets @ Michelson Memorial Methodist Church, 2-3 pm. Call Joell Gabriel @ 348-6389, for more information. •TOPS MEETING @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. Call Mary Kay @ 348-1398 for more information. •PROJECT GRADUATION MEETING @ HS Conference Room, 7 pm.
FRI. 11	•NALMA SHAMBORQUER performs at Kirtland Community College, 11 am & 1 pm. •LANSING CONCERT BAND performs at Grayling High School, 8 pm. •RUMMAGE SALE @ Michelson Memorial Methodist Church, 9 am - 4 pm.
SAT. 12	•TAKE A NICE SPRING STROLL through the beautiful Hartwick Pines State Park. •RUMMAGE SALE @ Michelson Memorial Methodist Church, 9-11 am. •HS FORENSICS REGIONALS. •MS SOLO ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL @ Benzie Central.
SUN. 13	•ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON. 14	•PANCAKE SUPPER @ Lone Pine Restaurant, 4-7 pm. \$3.50 for ages 5 and up, under 5 are free. All profits are being donated to GHS Project Graduation '97. •KWANS CLUB meeting @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. •WELCOME WAGON Newcomers Meeting @ Camp AuSable, 6 pm. Call Betty Mansfield or Rose Smith, 348-5598, for more information.
TUES. 15	•ABWA MEETING @ 5:30 pm. For information, call Cathy @ 348-8078. •CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR ANIMALS meeting @ Milltown Groomers, 7 pm. For more information call 348-4117. •AUSABLE RIVER CANOE MARATHON meeting @ Mini Mall Race Office, 7 pm. •HS FORENSICS @ Fairview Inv. •ABCs OF PARENTING CLASS @ AuSable Primary, 6:30-8 pm. •MS/HS CHOIR CONCERT @ HS auditorium, 7 pm.
WED. 16	•WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 W.; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting 5:30 pm. For more information call Sandy @ 348-5321. •ROTARY CLUB meeting @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. •LIONS CLUB MEETING @ Breaker's Steak House, 6:30 pm. •COA BOARD MEETING @ Senior Citizen Center, 308 Lawndale Dr., 5:30 pm. •GE 3RD-GRADE CONCERT @ GE gym, 7 pm. •ADD/ADHD PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP middle school conference room, 7-9 pm. Dr. Glen Seagrin will speak on "ADHD, New Theories That Explain Holes in the Old Theory." •CARD PARTY @ St. John Lutheran Church, 12 noon. Hosted by the Ladies of St. John.

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The Bible Speaks

From the Calvary Baptist Church

Heaven's Gate Horror

What led to the horrors of the Heaven's Gate cult? The cult's leader, Marshall Herff Applewhite, born the son of a Presbyterian minister, is reported to have once been a highly talented baritone, a husband, father of two, and a professor of music at the University of St. Thomas in Houston until the early 1970s. What went wrong?

According to The Washington Post, St. Thomas University granted Applewhite a leave of absence to deal with emotional problems following a scandal over an affair with a male student. Within a year he left his wife and children, and was later hospitalized for heart trouble. During this time he had a "near-death experience," according to family members, that would change his life. At the hospital, he was convinced by a registered nurse named Bonnie Lu Trusdale Nettles that he had been saved for a higher

purpose.

According to the Christian Research Institute, Nettles and Applewhite immediately felt strongly connected to each other. Drawn together by "severe upheaval and personal confusion," they broke off all ties with their families and friends. They later interpreted this as their bodies' responses to being taken over by another being from the "Next Level." They spent six weeks together at a Texas country ranch house where they developed their beliefs that UFOs would come one day and take them to a higher world. From there they began seeking their new family of followers. Using names like "Him and Her," "Bo and Peep," and "Doh and Ti," they gathered what they called "new recruits" by persuading hundreds of people to leave behind their belongings and families and prepare for a UFO trip to the land of God. All totally

contrary to God's Holy Scriptures.

They had abandoned all hope in the resurrected Christ for the heresies of a reincarnated devil. The "severe upheaval and personal confusion, which they later interpreted as their bodies' responses to being taken over by another being from the 'Next Level' was demon possession. Satan, the god of this world, (2 Cor. 4:4), the prince of the power of the air, (Eph. 2:2) had empowered them as antichrists. (2 Thes. 2:9) "Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time." (1 John 2:18)

Pastor "B"

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Quilt Guild holds 1997 show

The AuSable Quilt Guild held its 1997 Quilt Show at the Holiday Inn of Grayling on Friday and Saturday, April 4 and 5.

The quilters (with quilt names in parentheses) involved in the show are as follows:

AuSable Quilt Guild Challenge, Barb Porter (Hole in the Barn Door and Spinning Top); Jane Case (Greg's Jungle, Domiciles, Meow, Sarah Ann's Blocks, Americana, Sister's Quilt about 50 years old and Erin Chelsey's Flower Garden 1997);

Jane Duvall (Tulips for MQN Showcase I, Missouri Treasure, Jane's Santa Quilt, Orange Sampler and Blazing Northern Stars); Marj Beinke (ABC Appliquit, Welcome Appliquit, Dutch Windmill, Three Table Runners - Seminole Pattern, Large Pillow and Sampler Quilt);

Barbara Sojka (Flight Over Pond); Delores Papendick (Sue Bonnet, Baby Jesus in Wood Bed, Christmas Tree Skirt, Jacket, Quilted Jacket, Log Cabin and Log Cabin); Marion Welsh (A Halloween Pumpkin, Blue Wall Hanging, North Woods Quilt, Birds in the Air, Large Throw 68 Hearts and Spool or Apple Core);

Jan Parker (Home in the Pines, The Christmas Tree and Jan's Picnic); Marlene Dorn (You Are My Sunshine); Pat Anderson (Cana Lily and Circle of Points Tablecloth); Mary Ellen Metiva (Tulip Tablecloth, Angel Wall Hanging, Couch Throw, Star and Pineapple);

Jeanette F. Henig (Tablecloth - Circle of Points, MorMor's Quilt 1997, Embroidered Flower, Twin Sampler Quilt and Dresden Plate); Barb Potter (Tablecloth - Time for Tea); Susan Perry (Crazy Quilt Purse, Crazy Quilt Fans and Mushing);

Janet Gildner (Jeans and Color Galore Vest, Trapunto Vest, Nine Patch Heart Chase, Blazing Star and Grandmother's Flower Garden); Nancy Webster (Autumn Leaves, Flower Garden, Christmas Wreath and Borders, Borders, Borders);

Carol Garlo (Candlewicking and Lace); Inge Mazza (The Green Earth Around Us 1 and The Green Earth Around Us 2); Vivian LaPointe (Summer Some are Fantasy); Joyce Milan (Rose of Sharon, Pine Trees 1995, Trail of Courage 1996 and Three Generation Dresden Plate 1926-1997);

Mary Wollens (Jack's Chain and

Flower Reel); Linda Bearss (The Bear Cub that Left the Den, Old Fashion Love and "Yestersay Memories"); Jackie Church (Yo-Yo, Hearts for Eryn April 1996, Autumn Apples, Danny's Dinosaurs and Amish Nine Patch Star 1989);

Betty Pimlott ("All Star" Quilt and Greg's Wedding Quilt); Terri Gibbons (Wedding Song and Terri's Flower Garden); Marlene Gardner Dorn (Gertrude's Garden); Carla Aderente (A Home for All Seasons, My Favorite Flannel Cats and Cinnamon, Nutmeg, Ginger);

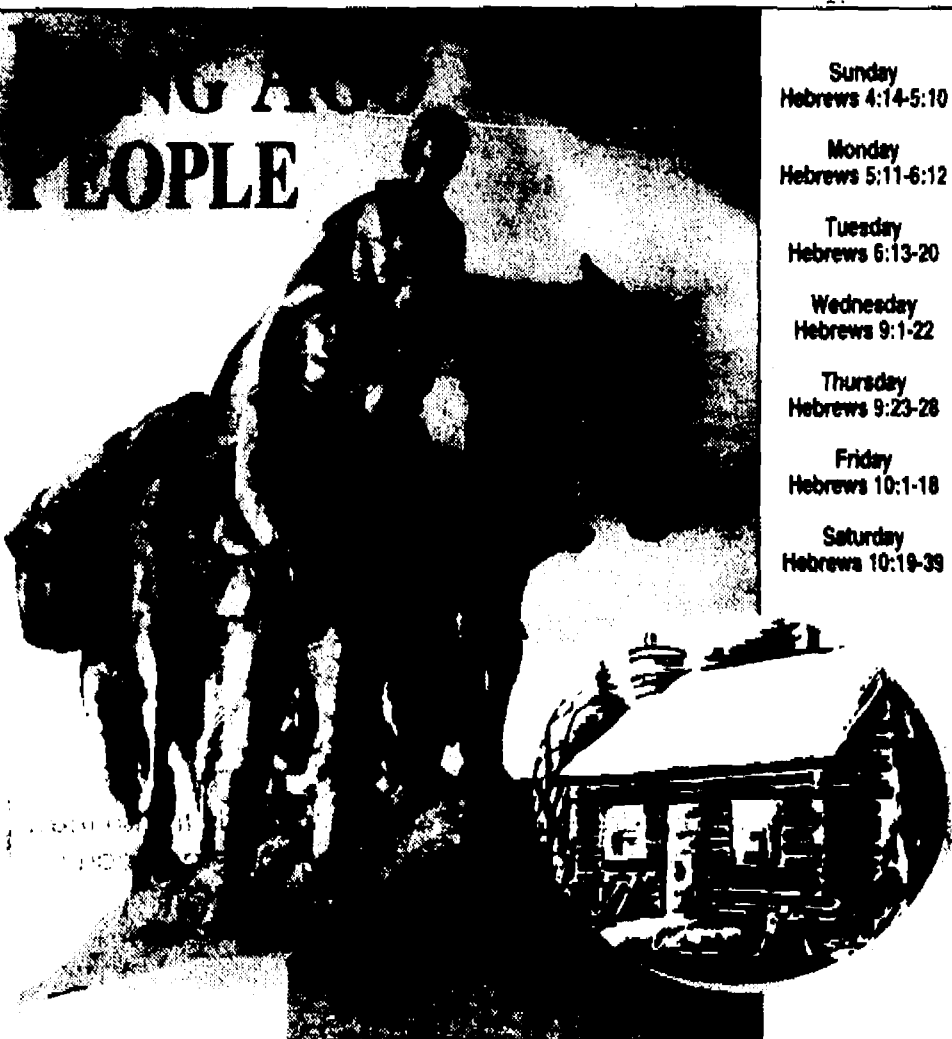
H.A.R.P. (Jacobs Ladder, Picnic, Friendship Ring and Family Tree); Nancy Glave (Christmas Surprise Quilt "It's Done!", English Garden Quilt and Log Cabin); and Suzanne Engemann (Mystery Star and Engemann Golden Anniversary Quilt).

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Tuesday
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Wednesday
Hebrews 9:1-22
Thursday
Hebrews 9:23-28
Friday
Hebrews 10:1-18
Saturday
Hebrews 10:19-39

It happened while I was hiking in the mountains...suddenly I came into a clearing and saw the crumbling foundations of what had once meant shelter and protection for a pioneer family. Rugged mountains surrounded the decayed dwelling on three sides. But in front, opened a panorama across a valley which in all its beauty held me spellbound.

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Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
April through October
2nd Wednesday 8 p.m.

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Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45-10:45 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship 12 noon
Bible Study (Wed.) 10 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist
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Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable
off M-72 East (1st building on right
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Church Service 9:30 a.m.
Sabbath School 10:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting Tues. 7 p.m.

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Family Night
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Wednesday
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Sunday Service 10 a.m.

The Church of Christ
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Pastor Debra E. Weaver
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Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 7 p.m.
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211 Shellenbarger St.
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Sunday Night 6:30 p.m.
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Tuesday Weekday School 5 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 9 a.m.
Thursday Women's Bible Study 9 a.m.
Thursday Men's Promise
Keepers Study 7 p.m.

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Officials keep momentum going with LACA; Lowe, Mueller meet with Lovells residents

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

State Rep. Allen Lowe (R-Grayling) and Lt. Jim Mueller, Houghton Lake State Police post, talked with the members of the Lovells Anti Crime Association (LACA) meeting on Saturday, April 5.

The two officials both said the LACA group is headed in the right direction, and offered the members some suggestions for ways to keep the momentum going.

The momentum first started in January after Lovells Township was hit by numerous malicious destruction of property and breaking and entering incidents. The anti-crime group was originally formed on Feb. 1 after the spree of breaking and enterings caused more than \$100,000 worth of damage of residences.

This group has a good start by getting people together, Lowe said.

One of the issues which was raised was the possibility of raising the swamp tax. This is the money the state pays the local government to protect and watch over the state land in the area.

Commissioner Kathy Black said the state only pays \$1.25 per acre right now. If the tax was raised by even \$1 more per acre, then Crawford County would get more than \$100,000 for the county budget.

County officials have said that they need the additional swamp tax money to pay for the law enforcement and emergency personnel for the state land.

"The problem is the Grand Rapids, Detroit and Flint representatives say 'why should we raise that. You already are getting money for the trees up there'," Lowe said. "The thing they don't understand is their constituents are the ones who come up here and play. If they are hurt, then they expect emergency personnel to come and help out."

One suggestion Lowe had for the group was for members to contact some of the other rural townships in Michigan to see if they have the same problems with law enforcement. Lowe said Lansing won't listen to Lovells Township on its own, but an association of townships would help

make the point.

The Lovells Township Board also was brought up. The group agreed to have the Lovells Township officials contact the Michigan Township Association for its help in the matter.

Mueller complimented the anti-crime group on the way the members are moving. He said the ideas of the group has had on getting additional law enforcement in their township are the best way to go.

Looking at contracting with the Crawford County Sheriff's Department about contracting for a deputy for Lovells Township is an option, Mueller said. LACA's talk of working with other townships to share the costs of a deputy also is a good idea.

LACA has set up road patrols while the decisions are made about getting additional law enforcement personnel. Barbara Loar, LACA spokesperson, said the township does not have the police here, but the residents can patrol the area themselves.

The group currently is looking for two more road patrol leaders to cover the two northern one-third areas of Lovells Township. LACA Sergeant at Arms Dean Collins is leading the patrols in the southern part of the township.

The anti-crime group also distributed its new bumper stickers. The stickers contain the slogan "Don't even think about it." The group may look to set up committees to handle certain aspects in the future.

Chess club makes good moves at tourney

The Elementary Chess Club just completed its second season, highlighted by a three-level tournament.

Michael Rosen, Grayling Elementary fifth grader, won the advanced level for the second year in a row.

Top intermediate level player was Hank Abney, AuSable Primary second grader, who now moves into the advanced group.

Top beginning level player was Krystel Davis, Grayling Elementary fifth grader, who moves to the intermediate level.

The chess club is an after-school, as well as sixth grade students who were club members last year and still want the opportunity to play once a week.

Chess coaches are Pam Williams, first grade teacher, and Marilyn Neuberger, AuSable Primary School custodian.

They receive assistance from Chris Galvani, parent volunteer, and Kami Zimmerman and Karla Goetz, AuSable Primary teachers.

"We also have one seventh grader, Chet Wheeler, who has been a big help," said Williams.

The club started the '97 season with 70 members and had a regular attendance of about 50. The next season for AuSable Primary and Grayling

Elementary will be January through spring break of 1998.

Students who regularly attended the 1997 elementary chess club included: Kindergarten: Sean Hernandez.

First grade: Ethan Neuberger, Chantel Grant, Ryan Cooper, Louis Clark, Elaina Murray, Gabby Calkins, Reid Holzbauer, Rocky McNamara and Rachel Doremire.

Second grade: Hank Abney, Andrew Hart, Nick Parkinson, Steven Hodge, Cory Shear, Justin Galvani, Brian Adams, Jeremiah Bootz, Justin Sheldon, Cammie Harrington, Rachel Sells, Mitchell Hernandez and Chris Gildner.

Third grade: Mitchell Salyers, Max Furstenauf, Bobby Feutz, Jacob Bondar, Chelsea Curriston and Nick Carrothers.

Fourth grade: Jason Strohpaul, James Gault, Tyler Cragg, Jimmy Jansen, Joshua Galvani, James Haven, Ellis Curriston, Alex McNamara and Dale Burpee.

Fifth grade: Michael Rosen, Michael Salyers, Mike Gassman, Shawn McCuan, Dane White, Krystel Davis, Adam Malone, Ryan Feutz and Derek Wilder.

Sixth grade: Chris Cragg and Joshua Jurkovich.

Seventh grade: Chet Wheeler.

Grayling takes fifth, as it hosts own tourney

The Grayling High School Forensics Team placed fifth out of 13 teams at its own third annual Viking Invitational Tournament held throughout the school on March 15.

Placing for the Vikings were:

Freshman Brandi McClain, first place in Extemporaneous Speaking; junior Brian Noeske, third place in Impromptu Speaking; freshman Amie Price, 3rd place in Oratory; sophomore Brie Blaauw, fourth place in Broadcasting; sophomore Josh Mueller, fourth place in Informative Speaking 9-10; junior Deanna Fleischmann, fifth place in Impromptu Speaking; and junior Mark Gingerick, seventh place in Sales Speaking.

Also competing for GHS were:

Sophomore April Gosling in Poetry Interpretation; freshman Heather Hatfield in Broadcasting; sophomore Kristin Kearney in Oratory; freshman Brandi Lewis in Poetry Interpretation; junior Ben Mallory in Poetry Interpretation Open; freshman Kim Mallory in Storytelling; freshman

Brian McCurdy in Informative Speaking 9-10; and the Duo Interpretation teams of freshmen Amanda Fortino and Danielle McClanahan and freshmen David Hawkins and Nate Hinkle.

Coach of the Viking forensics team is Robin Pawley, forensics/debate/freshman language arts instructor at GHS.

Barbara Hunter, Marti Gosling, Gail McClain, Jack Pilon and Marilyn Rosi worked as judges for Grayling.

Members from the fine arts parents' group -- Mary Kay Blaauw, Sandra Brody, Mary Jo Gingerick, Marti Gosling and Susan McCurdy -- ran the cafeteria.

Tournament assistants were Barbara Fehey, Nancy Hatfield, Barbara Hunter, Nancy Lemmen, Tom Mills, Angie Thompson and Lynn Thompson.

The Lake City High School team, coached by GHS graduate Gail Dawson, took first place in the tournament.

Hospice of Michigan to host teleconference

On Wednesday, April 16, Hospice of Michigan will join 2,000 other organizations across the United States and Canada as a local host for the fourth annual National Bereavement Teleconference sponsored by the Hospice Foundation of America.

"Living With Grief: When Illness Is Prolonged," a live-via-satellite video teleconference, will focus on grief and bereavement issues associated with prolonged illness, including cancer, AIDS, and Alzheimer's disease. It will be moderated by Cokie Roberts of ABC News and will feature a distinguished panel of experts. The teleconference will be held at Kirtland Community College, Cultural Events Building, 10775 North St. Helen Road, Roscommon.

Last year's teleconference was seen by 120,000 people in over 2,000 communities.

"The teleconference was excellent; panelists were knowledgeable, topics relevant, and the moderator kept everything going smoothly. It was a great opportunity for people from our community -- hospice staff, volunteers, clergy, funeral directors, and families -- to hear valuable information from the nation's top experts in the field," said Cindy Wachowiak, site coordinator, Hospice of Michigan.

"Everyone has been touched by grief associated with prolonged illness," said Jack D. Gordon, president of the Hospice Foundation of America. "We want to do what we can to assist individuals in mourning, as well as physicians and nurses, clergy, social workers, and teachers who deal with these issues professionally, so they

can respond effectively to survivors in need and take care of themselves as well."

During the two-and-one-half hour teleconference, Roberts will moderate the panel discussion. The panel will include Betty Davies, Ph.D., professor of nursing at the University of British Columbia, Kenneth J. Doka, Ph.D., Lutheran minister and professor of gerontology at the College of New Rochelle; Dr. William Lamers, Jr., a founding father of the American Hospice Movement; and Therese A. Rando, Ph.D., clinical psychologist and executive director of the Institute for the Study and Treatment of Loss.

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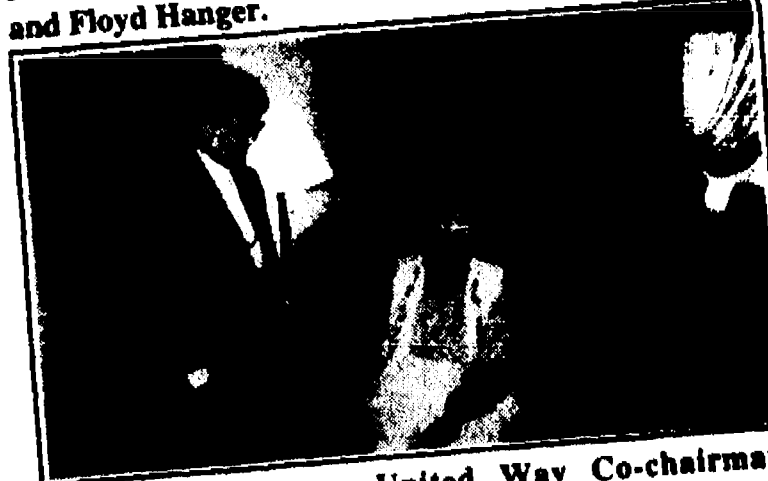
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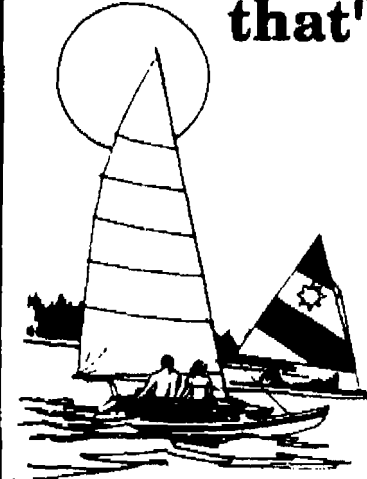
Pictured above are United Way Co-chairman Maureen McNamara (left) accepting a donation of \$10,000 from Sal (Truettner) Hubel.



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- Persistent feelings of sadness, emptiness or hopelessness.
- Difficulty concentrating and making decisions.
- Change in eating and sleeping patterns; increased tiredness.
- Loss of interest in pleasurable activities, including sex.
- Unexplained aches, pains and headaches.
- Thought of suicide or death.

If you have depression, every aspect of your life may be affected, so it is important to seek treatment. Depression is second only to heart disease in workdays lost, and 15 percent of those diagnosed commit suicide.

Depression strikes twice as many women as men, possibly due to differences in hormones, psychosocial factors, and possible abuse. Depression is common during childbearing years, and it may be a symptom of other illnesses or a side effect from medication. The symptoms can range from mild to severe and tend to recur. Depression often is transmitted across generations. Finally, drugs and psychotherapy can be effective for 80 to 90 percent of those diagnosed; about 50 percent will recover during the first six months of treatment.



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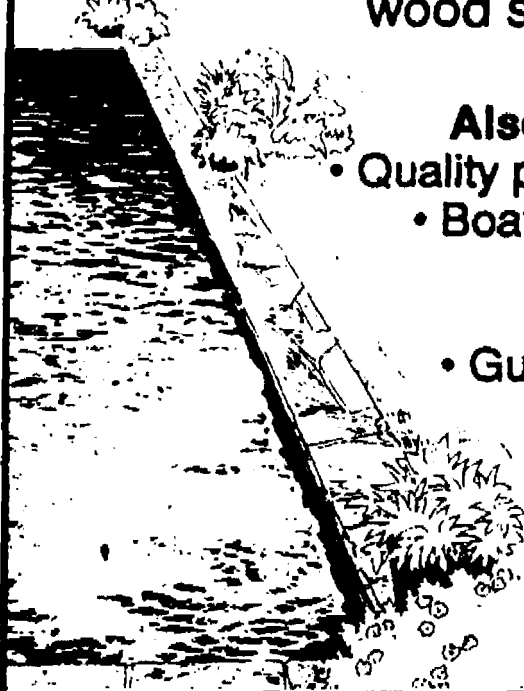
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Graylingites take part in 'Deathtrap'

The Kirtland Ensemble Theatre Company will present "Deathtrap," a thriller in two acts, by Ira Levin, on Friday and Saturday, April 18 and 19, at 8 p.m. in the Gilbert I. Stewart Auditorium at Kirtland Community College.

Tickets for the performance are \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for students and are available from the Kirtland Ticket Office.

Expect the unexpected and a lot of laughs as successful playwright Sydney Bruhl (Ron Koenig of Roscommon) plots the perfect murder to promote his sinking career. He is joined along the way by his unassuming wife, Myra (Natascha McCuan of Grayling), the Dutch psychic, Helga Ten Dorp (Mary Cole of West Branch), the aspiring playwright, Clifford Anderson (Kurt Thoma of Roscommon) and the unsuspecting attorney, Porter Milgrim (Clay Horton of Grayling).

The fast-paced production takes place in playwright Sidney Bruhl's handsomely converted stable, where he displays a collection of antique and souvenir weapons from his plays. It features a juicy murder in Act One and unexpected developments in Act Two.

The production is directed by Kirtland Theatre Art Instructor, Ron Koenig, with scene design by Steve Coe and Bobby McCuan. Costumes are by Pam Blackwell.

"Deathtrap" is one part of "An Evening With The Arts: A celebration of the fine and performing arts curriculums at Kirtland Community College."

This year's activities take place on

Saturday, April 19, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Activities include Studio Arts Instructor Joe Donna's Student Art Show and reception in the Continuing Education Center's Art Gallery, Carol Finke's workshop students read from their works in the library, and the

Kirtland Volunteer Center, under the direction of Dr. Steve Berg, hosts the High School Writing & Art Show and reception, also in the library.

For ticket information, or to make a reservation, please contact the Kirtland Ticket Office at 517-275-6777.

Application made for housing grant

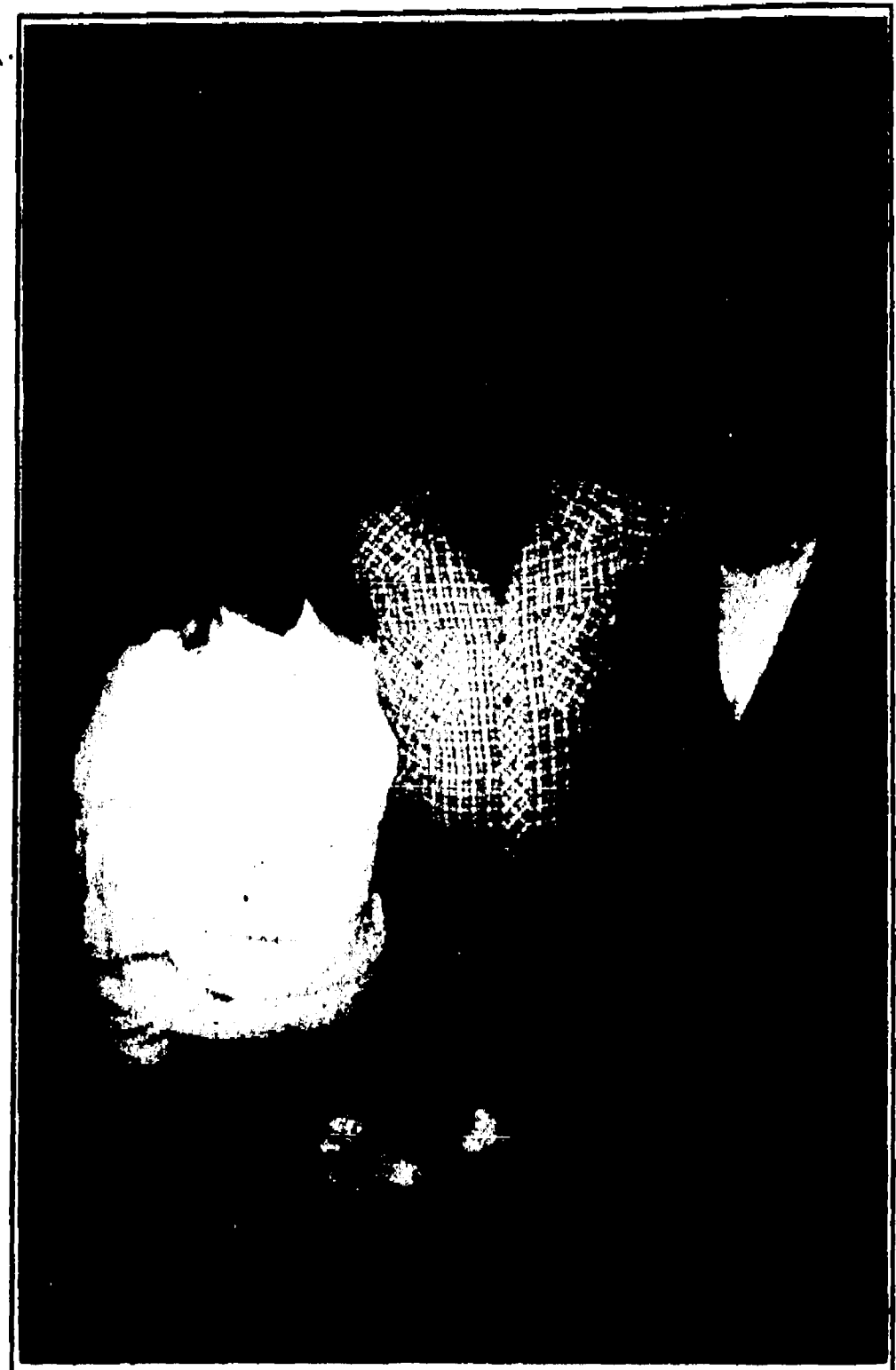
The Crawford County Housing Commission has applied for a federal grant which, if approved, would provide for housing rehabilitation for low-income homeowners in the county.

Although it is not one of the biggest grants, said Sandy Brody, Housing Commission director, it would still provide for repairs to single family owner occupied homes county wide. The grant money would assist the very low and low income homeowners on a loan and deferred loan basis.

The application is for federal assistance for a rural development grant in the amount of \$72,900. The Crawford County Board of Commissioners passed a motion at their March 18 meeting approving the application process by the Housing Commission.

This is a normal grant request, Brody said. The Crawford County Housing Commission has applied for it over the last couple of years, but have not been approved for the grant funds.

According to Brody, it usually takes a couple of months before the grants are awarded to the specific locations.

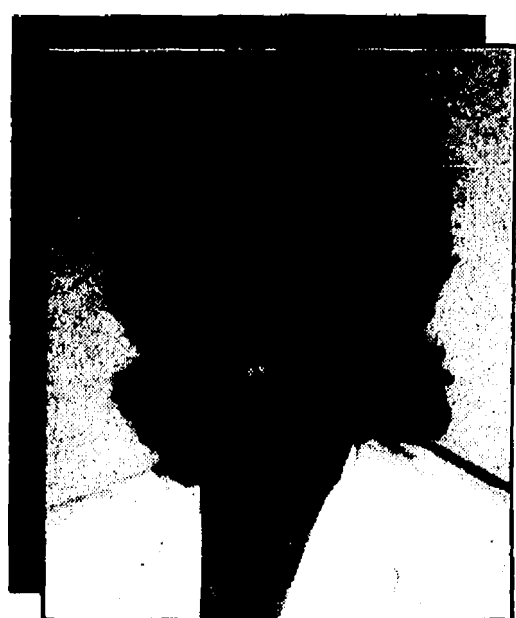


FIVE GENERATIONS—The Campbell/Lozon family recently got together for a five generation picture. The family members pictured are (front, from left): Alyssa Lozon (the baby), Jason Lozon (father), (back) Karen Lozon (grandmother), Jack Campbell (great-grandfather), and Vivan Campbell (great-great-grandfather).



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You need a coldframe. A coldframe at its simplest is basically an unheated box with a transparent lid, explained Mary McLellan, Master Gardener program coordinator at Michigan State University. You can make a temporary one from four bales of straw and an old window or a more permanent one with rot-resistant wood or masonry walls. Or you can buy kits and even portable coldframes through garden supply companies.

Coldframes used to be glass, but plastic sheeting, fiberglass and rigid clear plastic are among the less fragile materials being used to let light in.

That's the main purpose of a coldframe, she noted — to provide a sheltered spot with good light for plants. With a coldframe, you can start plants earlier in the spring, keep quick-growing salad crops growing late into the fall, chill bulbs for forcing, store root vegetables for the winter, harden greenhouse grown transplants before setting them in the garden or start cuttings of woody plants in summer.

For most coldframe uses, a southern exposure is best because it provides the most light. Nursery frames for

ailing plants or cuttings are often oriented to the north so plants receive less light and no direct sun. Coldframes are often built against a wall, which provides protection against prevailing wind and reflects both heat and light into the box.

The lid of the coldframe should slope from the back to the front so rain and snow slide off and light enters readily. It should be hinged or removable.

The box needs to be deep enough to hold the sorts of plants you'll want to put in it. From front to back, it should be no bigger than you can reach across. From side to side, it can be as wide as you want it or as space or your improvised cover allows.

Ventilation is necessary to prevent overheating. You can place a thermometer inside the coldframe and prop the lid open whenever you see the temperature creeping above 75 degrees F. Or you can invest in some kind of automatic vent controller that opens and closes the lid as temperatures change.

Watering needs vary with the kind of plant and the season. Plants grown in containers usually need more frequent watering than plants grown in a layer of compost or other growing media, and bright light, warm temperatures and rapid growth mean that plants in the coldframe during the summer can dry out quickly. Daily or even more frequent watering may be necessary to keep seedlings from wilting.

Schreiner, Niederer named PE award winners

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Max Schreiner and Danielle Niederer, both students at Grayling Middle School, were named to the United States National Award winners for physical education.

Both students were nominated by Cindy Jones, a teacher at GMS.

The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative

spirit, dependability and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Schreiner is the son of Bill Schreiner of Frederic and Donna Schreiner of Grayling. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Archer Clark of Kalkaska and Genevieve Schreiner of North Little Rock, Ark.

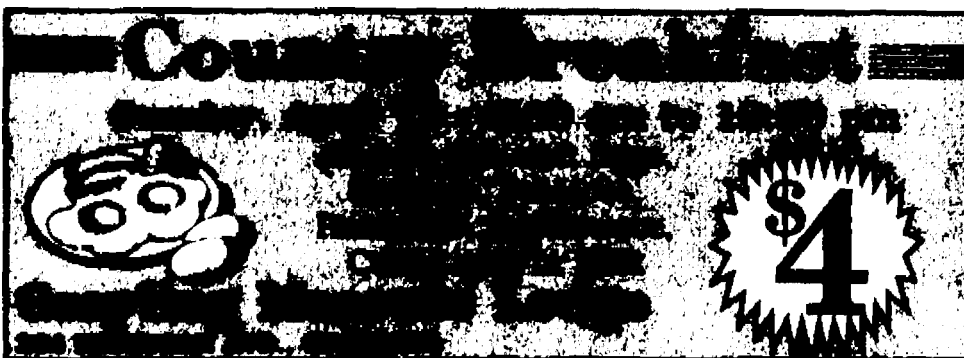
Niederer is the daughter of Dan and Bonnie Niederer of Grayling. Her grandparents are Sally McPherson of Grayling and Richard and Jan Niederer of Grayling.



Danielle Niederer



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New students are encouraged to apply for admission prior to the registration dates, which begin on April 27.

Cary Vajda, Dean of Student Services, said that if prospective students do not receive a copy of the schedule at home they should call the Student Services office (517-275-5121 Ext. 284) and ask to have one mailed.

He also said that for persons with a personal computer and access to the Internet, a copy of the schedule can

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Entrants sought for river parade

The Grayling Promotional Association (GPA) Parade Committee is busy planning and preparing for the 1997 AuSable River Festival Parade. The parade will take place on Saturday, July 26, at 3 p.m.

Because this is the 50th year for the canoe marathon, the title "Marathons: Past, Present, and Future" was chosen as the theme for this year's parade.

The GPA Parade Committee has begun to receive applications in response to the invitations that were sent out to bands and organizations. The Glen Erin Pipe Band and the Grand Rapids & District Pipe Band will be in the parade.

The Elf Khurafah Shrine Temple will also be in the parade, with at least 17 units participating.

The committee would like to have an increase in the number of floats in the parade this year. Businesses, organizations, and individuals are encouraged to enter a float in the AuSable River Festival Parade. Awards will be given out in the following categories: Best of Theme, Grand Marshal Award, Judges Award, Milltown Award, and Service Award. There is also the Robert Townsend Memorial Award for the nonbusiness, noncommercial category.

Keeping in mind the theme "Marathons: Past, Present, and Future" and that this is the 50th year for the marathon, the parade committee is asking entrants to keep the color gold in mind when doing the floats.

DEQ gets new number

The Department of Environmental Quality's Gaylord District Office has a new telephone number.

The main switchboard number is now (517) 731-4920. Individual staff extensions remain unchanged.

DEQ Director Russell Harding explained that the new phone number provides residents with a more direct link to the department, which improves access to specific program areas.

Previously, both the DEQ and Department of Natural Resources shared the same switchboard phone number. The DNR number is unchanged.

Community Services at Kirtland Community College is ushering in the spring season with a medley of April/May courses:

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To work out the tension of the winter season, a course in Movement Therapy will be offered (April 19 & 26; 8:30 am - 5 pm; \$47.25 in-district, \$64.75 out-of-district, lab fee: \$10). Also, instructor Bob Strey will present some of the most current information on mind/body healing during a workshop entitled Exploring Mind/Body Healing (April 26 & May 3; 9 am - 1 pm; \$39).

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State parks look for ways to get by

by Sharon Lulek
Capital News Service

For Allen Mammons, running a state park is a one-man job.

The seasonal park ranger at the Leelanau State Park in Northport has been the only full-time ranger on staff for 16 of his 20 years there. Mammons said there isn't enough money even to hire a part-time assistant.

"This is a tremendously hard job to do by yourself," Mammons said. "I do just about everything here — from cleaning the bathrooms to registering campers."

In addition to lacking extra hands to help with maintenance, Mammons said the park also cut programs that other state parks have. Leelanau can't provide "interpretive programs," including guided nature walks for visitors. "We simply don't have the personnel or the funding for these types of programs," he said. "I have a hard enough time maintaining the trails."

Mammons is just one of many rangers statewide who try to do the most they can with the limited money they have. Even though the total amount allotted for the state parks has increased annually the past five years, there still isn't enough to make needed repairs and improvements.

Maureen McNulty, press secretary for the Department of Management and Budget (DMB), said more than \$50 million will be spent for state parks in the 1997-98 budget. This includes a \$3.9 million Michigan State Park Endowment Fund.

"State parks have been a high priority," she said. "Michigan is known nationwide for its state parks."

Though that might appear to be sufficient, the 98 state parks have barely enough to cover operating costs. Donna Stine, executive director of the parks and recreation division of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), said the recent increases simply keep pace with inflation.

"There are no new resources we can tap for additional funding," she said. In addition, Stine said the extra money

partially comes from higher camping and entrance fees at many parks. Leelanau's rates will stay the same, but nearby Traverse City State Park will raise camping fees on May 1 from \$14 to \$15.

Not all parks receive the same amount of state funding either. Several factors contribute to how the money is divided, including operation costs, staff needed for the park and the number of visitors it receives, she said.

Ivan Rockwell, management administrator for the Traverse City and Leelanau parks, said the money situation is further complicated because income from any one park is placed in a statewide account, then distributed among all parks. Last year, the Leelanau park ended up with a \$20,000 surplus from fees, he said, and all of it went into this fund.

Despite Leelanau's operating profits in 1996, Rockwell said the park still doesn't make enough for repair projects. The entrance and contact house need to be fixed and updated, and the roads need work.

Furthermore, Rockwell said money for these improvements has been requested several times but continually denied by the DNR. The money for such improvements is requested first at the district office, where priorities are set then passed on to the division office in Lansing, he said.

The lack of funding also prevents the Leelanau park from acquiring an adjacent 40-acre parcel, Rockwell said. Even if there were money to purchase the land, there wouldn't be enough to develop it, he said. "Everything virtually comes down to dollars and cents," he said.

In the meantime, Mammons is doing as much as he can for the park with the available dollars and cents. For the past four seasons, Leelanau has participated in the park host program. Volunteers camp free during the summer helping to organize events.

Park hosts are valuable because they do a lot of repair and maintenance work that the staffers don't have time

for, Mammons said. "They work harder than any one of us," he said. In addition, park hosts help organize special events — such as the Fourth of July parade for the children — that otherwise wouldn't be feasible.

But for the most part, Mammons keeps taking care of business by himself. One current project is to make wooden directional signs for the Leelanau and Traverse City parks. His outlook for the future isn't optimistic: "Unfortunately I don't see funding for programs or improvements as a future possibility," he said.

Ask The Dentist

"What is a crown and when does a tooth need to have a crown put on it?"

A crown, or "cap," is a dental restoration that covers most or all of the tooth. There are different types of crowns composed of various materials depending on the particular location of the tooth involved. Most crowns are composed of metal alloy, usually containing a certain percentage of gold. Some crowns are composed entirely of a ceramic material such as porcelain. The most common crown, in use today, has a metal gold alloy substructure with porcelain bonded to it, thus providing an aesthetic or "white" restoration.

Crowns are needed when the tooth is severely damaged due to trauma or decay. A silver or plastic filling merely fills the hole or void in the tooth, providing no strength. However, a crown fits over the tooth like a glove or sleeve, thus restoring the tooth to proper function and aesthetics, as well as providing strength and durability. The dentist prepares the tooth, takes an impression and places a "temporary" crown on the tooth. At a subsequent appointment, the permanent crown is cemented.

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DOODLES FROM THE TALL TIMBER

by Wendell L. Hoover, Park Interpreter, North Higgins Lake State Park

No matter the fact that it was black as sin outside, the odor was pungently distinctive and I know of no one who doesn't immediately recognize it and relate it to the animal we call the skunk. My far back ancestors called it "seganku", in Latin the name Mephitis mephitis loosely translates into noxious odor, and the French called the skunk "enfant du diable" or child of the devil. Whatever its name the skunk and its close relatives in the weasel family are noted for their powerful smell generated by an oily, yellowish liquid with a high sulfur content.

However, only the skunk sprays this liquid with considerable accuracy from twin nozzles (nipple-papillae) on both sides of the rectum. This oily liquid has such a powerful odor that it can be smelled for more than a mile away, and as you well know it remains persistent in damp weather for weeks. If you or anything else ventures within 15 feet, you are within range and there is enough ammunition for six shots or so, each released in a fine shotgun spray. The spray will cause temporary blindness for a half hour or so, not to

mention the utterly obnoxious odor that will remain.

At least the skunk gives fair warning. When danger gets within 20 to 25 yards the skunk confronts the enemy tail end first. It will lower its head and stamp its feet. At about 10 yards, if you have ignored the first warning, the skunk raises its tail in an arch above its body. If you ignore this warning, at about 20 feet it bends its body into a curled-up U position and at about 15 feet it has drawn a bead and lets you have both barrels. A skunk's reputation is such that even bears give it a wide berth. I once saw a skunk wriggle under the edge of a screened-in dining tent where a group of people were enjoying a bug-free dinner. When the skunk made its presence known, the group vacated the screened-in tent in such haste that the zippers were destroyed. The people were forced to watch as the skunk contentedly enjoyed their meal, seemingly oblivious to their chagrin. The most effective predators are horned owls and cars. Any critter or car unfortunate enough to have an encounter with a woods pussy will suffer the detectable

consequences. Keep in mind that scope mouthwash is reported to be more effective than tomato juice for neutralizing the odor.

This is the time of the year that they venture forth from their dens where they have been taking extended naps. While they are not true hibernators, they do take long winter naps. In this area, depending upon how cold it gets, the adult females and immature young may den up for three months. The adult males usually venture forth on any mild days, but no matter when they choose to venture forth their reputation follows.

Skunks are adaptable to a variety of habitats and their appetites are as varied, including insects, mice, frogs, grain, birds and carrion. Some two months after mating, four to six hairless, blind, and unscented kits are born. In about six weeks they are strong enough to accompany the mother on her hunting trips. Each family has a territory of some 30 acres, but while hunting they usually do not venture more than a half mile from the den.

Levin endorses children's 1997 Health Coverage Act

During a Capitol Hill meeting with Michigan health care professionals, Sen. Carl Levin (D-Mich.) expressed optimism that new efforts underway in Congress to provide health care coverage for children who now go without coverage will find enthusiastic support.

"It is time to assure health care coverage for the ten million kids in this country who now have no health care coverage," said Levin after speaking with representatives of the Michigan Health and Hospital Association. "It is a disgrace that the United States is alone among industrialized nations in not assuring health coverage for children."

"If Congress and the President can build on last year's successful effort to improve health insurance by finally giving these children health care security it will represent a dramatic

improvement in America's health insurance system. This is long overdue for America's children and I am hopeful that we can enact these reforms in this Congress," said Levin, who is an original cosponsor of the legislation.

At issue is the Children's Health Coverage Act, introduced as part of a package of legislation supported by Democrats in the U.S. Senate last week. The measure is designed to help working families purchase private health insurance for children through age 18 by providing a refundable tax credit covering up to 90 percent of private health insurance premiums. The credit would be phased out for families with incomes above \$75,000 and is targeted to children who do not have access to employer provided insurance and whose parents earn too much to qualify for Medicaid.

The legislation will also require insurers who do business with the federal government to offer kids-only policies. Other provisions are designed to deter employers from reducing or dropping their contribution to coverage for workers who qualify for the tax credit.

In Michigan, more than 240,000 children have no health care coverage. Nationwide, children now compose over one-quarter of U.S. citizens without health care insurance. The vast majority of uninsured children are from two parent families whose parents work full time, but still cannot afford coverage. Children are currently the fastest growing group of the uninsured.

and experts fear this trend will continue as employers reduce their health insurance costs by dropping their workers' dependent coverage.

LOVELLS LIBRARY NEWS

Memorial books placed in the library for Ruth Caid are: "On Callback Mountain" by Eve Bunting and "Toby, Where Are You?" by William Steig, from Betty, Lisa and David Cdebeca. Also, "Miss Spiders Tea Party" by David Kirk and "Dumb Bunnies go To The Zoo" by Sue Denim, given by the Lovells Library. From Paul and Beth Hamlin, "The Library Card" by Jerry Spinelli and "A Girl Named Disaster" by Nancy Farmer.

Memorial books for Larry Duby are: "The List" by Steve Martin and "The Partner" by John Grisham from John and Ann Duby. From Paul and Beth Hamlin, "A Thin Dark Line" by Tami Hoag and "The Weatherman" by Steve Thayer. "Sole Survivor" by

Boss/business associate to be named year's best

Do you have a boss or business associate that you feel deserves special recognition? Then it's your lucky day.

Each year the Grayling chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) honors someone as "Boss/Business Associate of the Year." Last year's honoree was Dennis Palmer of the Michigan National Guard at Camp Grayling and co-owner of The Irongate Restaurant. This year it could be your boss.

ABWA and the Chamber of Commerce will co-sponsor a "Business After Hours" at Breakers on May 20. At that time the honored person will be announced, as well as the ABWA "Woman of the Year."

If you have someone you feel goes that extra mile, helps in the community, supports the employees and/or staff, always has a smile and an encouraging word for everyone — pick up an application at Mac's Drugs or Glen's Market. Fill it out and return to Cathy Heaven, 220 Evergreen, Grayling, MI 49738, by May 6. When all applications are in they will be sent to an out-of-town, impartial judge for the final decision.

The list of persons who have received this honor is long and impressive. The winner will receive a plaque and all candidates will receive a certificate of recognition.

Think of someone you would like to honor and pick up an application right away.

BITS OF TALK

by Fay Bovee — 348-7017

Please call and give me your news, Easter company, trips, etc.

Les Hunter flew from Traverse City to Hartford, Conn., where he was met by his daughter, Mary Hunter, and granddaughter, Ruby Mei, to spend a week with them at their home in New Haven. While there, Mary and Les took the train to Grand Central Station in New York City to sight-see and visit the top of the Empire State Building. This was Les' first trip to the city and he enjoyed it immensely. Another day they drove to Massachusetts to visit his nieces and their husbands, Gretchen and Ed Olney at Dighton and Jean and Dave Dean at East Taunton. Gretchen and Jean are the daughters of the late Effie Hunter Geister.

Bob and Fay Bovee spent four days before Easter in Dublin, Ohio, visiting their daughter and family, Dena and Bruce Goll and Doris.

Bud and Arlene Halstead spent the winter in Lakeland, Fla. Congratulations on their 50th wedding anniversary! They expect to celebrate the occasion sometime this summer.

Al and Val Johnston spent a week in Charleston, South Carolina, visiting friends and doing a lot of sight-seeing in the area. One of the interesting things that they visited was a large lumbering operation.

Jim Madill, his daughter, Lori Smith and her daughter, Elle, and Merry Meridith, spent a week in Tennessee where they attended a show on business for the AuSable Woodworking Company.

The guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club of Grayling at their noon meeting on Monday, March 31, at the Iron Gate Restaurant was Bryan Bearss of Grayling. Bryan spoke on his experiences in walking the Appalachian Trail in Maine and New Hampshire. The latter part of the walk was more comfortable after he spent a week in a small town recuperating from blisters caused by the wrong

kind of hiking boots that were sold to him. He enjoyed seeing all kinds of animals and birds and even a moose and bear who ran away from him. He met up with many hikers and stayed in some of the lean-tos which were built especially for the hikers; and only once did he become uneasy about one of the people he came into contact with. Bryan finished one year at Central Michigan University before embarking on his trip. He will continue his education in Wisconsin this fall but he stated he would like to return to the trail and finish it some day.

Joyce and Jim Kolka have returned home after spending four months at Punta Gorda, Fla. The family gathered at the home of Nancy and Jim Hatfield, Heather and Travis for their Easter Sunday dinner. Other guests were Lynn and Roger Morris, Annette and Jacob of Caro, Curt and Diane Kolka of Gaylord and Mitch Linendoll.

Mike and Betty Gardner spent their spring break in the Carolinas and Georgia. They did some sight-seeing and biking in Charleston and Savannah and at Hilton Head Island they went sea-kayaking. On their return home they stopped in Charlotte, North Carolina to visit Mike's sister and family, Mary and Lee Langolf and children.

George and Evelyn Kent have returned home after spending the winter at Gulf Shores, Ala. They spent Easter with their daughter and family in Saline before returning to Grayling.

Our Avalanche employee that we interviewed this week is Eric Gaertner, the news editor of the paper, who has been in Grayling about six months. Before coming to Grayling he worked as a reporter for the Rogers City paper. Eric is from the Saginaw area, having graduated from high school in St. Charles and he completed his B.S. degree from Central Michigan University with a major in journalism and minors in political science and mathematics.

Dora Midkiff

Dora Ethel Midkiff, 87, died Saturday, April 5, 1997, at Foote Hospital in Jackson. She was born in Willis on Sept. 29, 1909, to Edward and Alice (VanMeter) Cutler. On Feb. 24, 1930, she married John Frank Midkiff, Sr., in South Dakota, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 14, 1965.

Mrs. Midkiff was a loving, caring and compassionate person with great faith. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Ypsilanti, its Women's Group, and W.O.W.'s. She was also a member of the Eastern Star #106, Milan; the G.O.C., Gaylord; and the Senior Citizens Group, Ypsilanti.

Mrs. Midkiff was an area resident for many years before recently moving to Jackson. She lived on Bradford Lake in Waters.

Survivors include five sons, John "Bud" and wife Carol of Deerfield, David and wife Ann of Jackson, Robert and wife Linda of Pikeville, North Carolina, James and wife Kathleen of Saline, and Donald Lee of Jackson; three daughters, Dolores "Tootie" and husband Joe Bustamante of Detroit, Alice Joan and husband James Wilson of Ypsilanti, and Barbara and husband Jerry Aiken of Parma; two sisters, Laura Moore of Des Plaines, Ill., and Lila Karlon of Minn.; 20 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Harvey Cutler; three sisters, Nina Moore, Nettie Hobovitz, and Martha Moore; and one grandson, Michael John Midkiff.

An Eastern Star service took place on Tuesday, April 8, at the Ochalek-Stark Funeral Home in Milan. The Celebration of her Life took place Wednesday, April 9, at 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home, with Rev. David Kidd of the First United Methodist Church of Ypsilanti officiating. Interment will be at Oakwood Cemetery in Frederic.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hope House of Jackson or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Zelda Dreher

Zelda A. (LaGrow) Dreher, died Thursday, March 27, 1997.

Formerly of S.W. Detroit, St. Gabriel's Parish. Beloved wife of the late Paul Sr.; dear mother of Paul Jr. (Geri), Alexander J. (Dolores), Sally (Ted) Taormina, Joan (Ronald) Romanowski, Daniel (Denise) and the late Barbara Ciatti; also survived by one sister Yvonne Overly; 25 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

Mrs. Dreher was preceded in death by two sisters, Doris Seymour and Carrie McClain; and seven brothers, Francis (Ham), Wesley (Wac), William (Pug), Lionel (Lover), Hank, Jack, and Eben LaGrow.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 31, at St. Hughes Church in Taylor. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mary Haven, 11350 Reec Road, Southgate, MI 48195.

Melva Burkett

Melva E. Burkett, 52, of Grayling, died Saturday, March 22, 1997, at Mercy Hospital in Grayling. She was born in Lampasas, Texas, on March 18, 1945.

Mrs. Burkett moved back to Grayling about one year ago from Florida. She was employed as a cashier at Glen's Market in Grayling and previously as a cake decorator at Publix Supermarket in Florida. Mrs. Burkett was a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Grayling.

She was preceded in death by her father, William R. Thoma.

Surviving are her husband, Larry J. Burkett of Grayling; daughters Katherine Elaine Ruble of Frederic and Julie Ann Adair of Garland, Texas; son, Gary Lee and wife Denise Ann Ruble of Auburn Hills; granddaughter, Sasha Lynn Durnen of Grayling; parents, Milly L. Lemaster and stepfather, Lester; sisters, Sandra Curtis of Pontiac, Sharon Kochan of Pontiac, Edna Dalton of Grayling, Gail Bishop of Roscommon, and Janet Ledger of Pontiac; brothers, Howard Lemaster of Grayling, Dean Lemaster of Moulton, Ala., Joe Lemaster of Grayling and Hal Lemaster of Bend, Texas.

A memorial service was held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 29, in Kingdom Hall in Grayling. Pastor Robert Kim officiated.

Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel in Grayling.

Walter Leibold

Walter C. Leibold, 67, of Lovells Township, died Sunday, March 30, 1997, at Mercy Hospital in Grayling.

Mr. Leibold was born Feb. 20, 1930, in Detroit. He moved to Lovells in 1977 from Grosse Pointe Woods after his retirement from Lynx Tool & Die in Roseville. In 1982 he and his wife established Gerta's Draperies in Gaylord. Mr. Leibold was a member of Schwaebischer Maennerchore — a German men's singing club in Detroit.

Surviving are his wife, Gerta; two sons, Walter C. Leibold, Jr. of West Branch and Clifford R. and wife Julie Leibold of Saginaw; one daughter, Christa and husband Charlie Bono of Gaylord; and six grandchildren, Nikola, Annalisa, Clifford, Lauren, Adam and Andrea.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 2, at 1 p.m. at the Nelson Funeral Home in Gaylord. Pastor Dean Coursey officiated. Burial was in Lovells Township Cemetery.

Card of thanks

I would like to thank my family and friends for all the cards, phone calls, food and flowers I received while I was in the hospital and after I got home; and especially my daughter, Margaret, for being there when I really needed her.

Thanks to the emergency room and Doctors Bersted, Ramaswamy and Kieler, the x-ray department, lab, surgery and the nurses of two north for all your kindness, it was appreciated more than you will ever know.

May God Bless.

Martha Austin

De'Lauras Ray

De'Lauras Darlene (Sammons) Welch, 66, of Imlay City, died Friday, April 4, 1997 at Lapeer Regional Hospital after an extended illness.

She was born on Dec. 20, 1930, in Grayling. Prior to moving to Imlay City she resided in North Branch.

Mrs. Ray married Frederick L. Ray on September 25, 1949, in Grayling. He died in 1970.

Mrs. Ray was a homemaker and member of Imlay City Church of the Nazarene.

Surviving are her daughter, Rebecca Ray of Imlay City; her son, Frederick and wife Marybeth Ray of Kingston; four brothers, Douglas and wife Marge Welch of Nebraska, Wesley Smith of Frederic, John and wife Teresa Smith of Attica, and David and Janis Smith of Alabama; three grandchildren, Michelle and Martin Diaz, Kristina Ray, and Starr Ray; and one great-granddaughter, Serena Matthews.

Funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 8, at Muir Brothers Funeral Home in Imlay City. Pastor Warren Lukens will officiate with burial in Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling.



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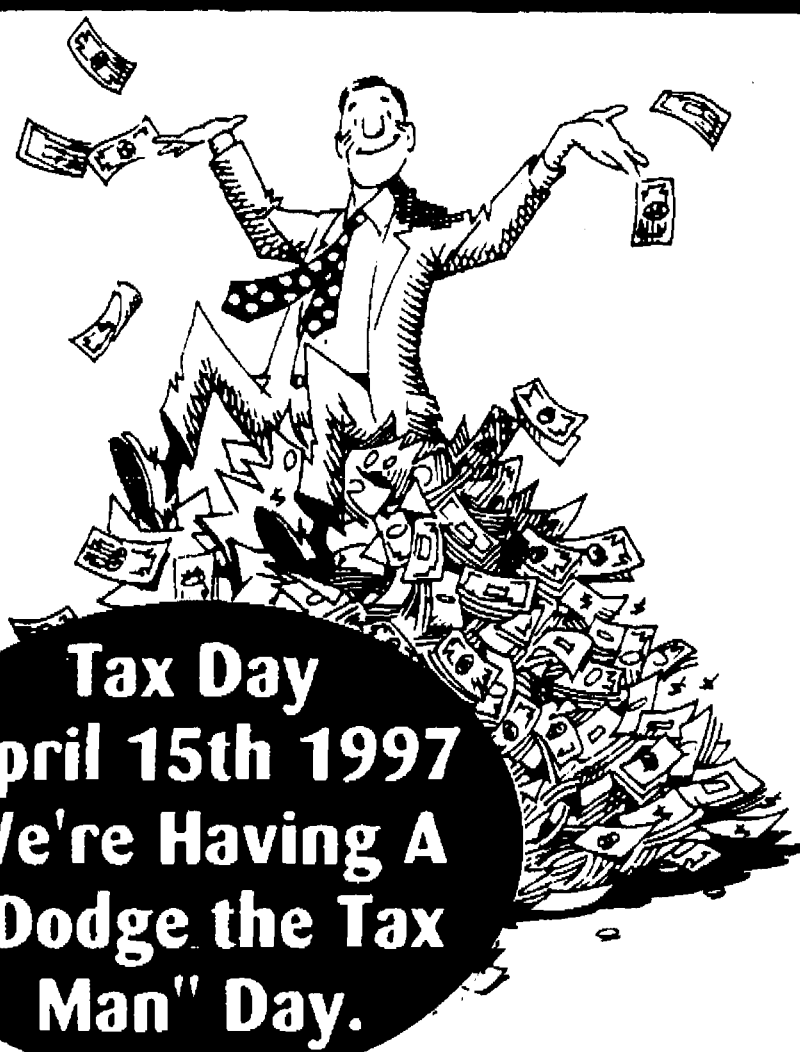
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Grayling wildfire hearing draws 150 residents

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Chris Bunch, vice president of the Michigan United Conservation Club and task force member, said this is a significant problem with the downsizing of DNR officers.

"We would like to see some of the money that is going to Detroit come back up here," Bunch told Lowe and Gernaat. "We have just increased the price of hunting and fishing licenses for a downsized DNR? That is not quite right."

Those who spoke at the meeting provided the state representatives with some ideas for funding an increase in DNR fire officers and the other money

the program needs.

One of the possibilities mentioned was additional money available for timber sales, as long as the resource is

managed correctly. Some of the other suggested funding methods included money from the gas royalties the state gets, a special box to check on the state

income tax form, a special tax on large developments in the area, and money from the state's strategic or rainy day funds.

Cleanup alternatives discussed

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Sampling of groundwater monitoring wells near the Bulk Fuel Facility and nearby residential drinking water wells have shown no contamination, the site investigation report stated.

The existing treatment system is effectively containing the PCE plume, Hoffmaster said. But the groundwater analysis also shows that PCE concentrations are not being reduced to acceptable levels with the existing groundwater treatment system.

The feasibility study conducted by the MDMA contractor recommended continued use of a granular activated carbon system with the addition of two new groundwater recovery wells. The plan also calls for the relocation of the system drainfield to maximize groundwater recovery and treatment.

According to Hoffmaster, the recommended alternative for cleanup involves circulating contaminated water with clean water.

The estimated time for the cleanup of the plume is 15 years with an approximate cost of \$1.3 million. Environmental officials said that the proposed cleanup method is the best the technology has to offer. The cost of the cleanup process will come from the federal military budget.

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Practice wildfire safety

Because more people are making their homes in woodland settings wildfire safety is more of an issue. Wildfires often begin unnoticed and they spread quickly. Reduce the risks by practicing the following steps:

Report hazardous conditions that could cause a wildfire.

Teach children about fire safety. Keep matches out of their reach.

Post fire emergency telephone number.

Plan several escape routes away from the home -- by car and by foot.

Talk to the neighbors about wildfire safety. Plan how the neighborhood could work together after a wildfire. Make plans to help elderly or disabled persons, as well as children whose parents cannot get home should a wildfire strike.

Place stove, fireplace and grill ashes in a metal bucket, soak in water for two days, then bury the cold ashes in mineral soil.

Store gasoline, oily rags and other flammable materials in approved safety cans. Place cans in a safe location away from the base of buildings.

Stack firewood at least 100 feet away and uphill from the home. Clear combustible material within 20 feet. Use only UL-approved woodburning devices.

When wildfire threatens

Back your car into the garage or park it in an open space facing the direction of escape. Shut doors and roll up windows. Leave the key in the ignition. Close garage windows and doors, but leave them unlocked. Disconnect automatic garage door openers.

Confine pets to one room. Make plans to care for your pets in case you must evacuate.

Arrange temporary housing at a

within 15 feet of the ground.

Remove dead branches that extend over the roof.

Prune tree branches and shrubs within 15 feet of a stovepipe or chimney outlet.

Ask the power company to clear branches from powerlines.

Remove vines from the walls of the home.

Mow grass regularly.

Clear a 10-foot area around propane tanks and the barbecue. Place a screen over the grill -- use non-flammable material with mesh no coarser than one-quarter inch.

Regularly dispose of newspapers and rubbish at an approved site. Follow local burning regulations.

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Arrange temporary housing at a

friend or relative's home outside the threatened area.

If you have time, protect your home

Close windows, vents, doors, drapes and remove lightweight curtains.

Shut off gas at the meter. Turn off pilot lights.

Open the fireplace damper and close fireplace screens.

Move flammable furniture into the center of the home.

Turn on a light in each room to increase the visibility of the home in heavy smoke.

Seal attic and ground vents with pre-cut plywood or commercial seals.

Turn off propane tanks.

Place combustible patio furniture inside the home.

Wet the roof.

Wet or remove shrubs within 15 feet of the home.

If advised to evacuate, do so immediately.

Wear protective clothing -- sturdy shoes, cotton or woolen clothing, long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, gloves and a handkerchief to protect your face.

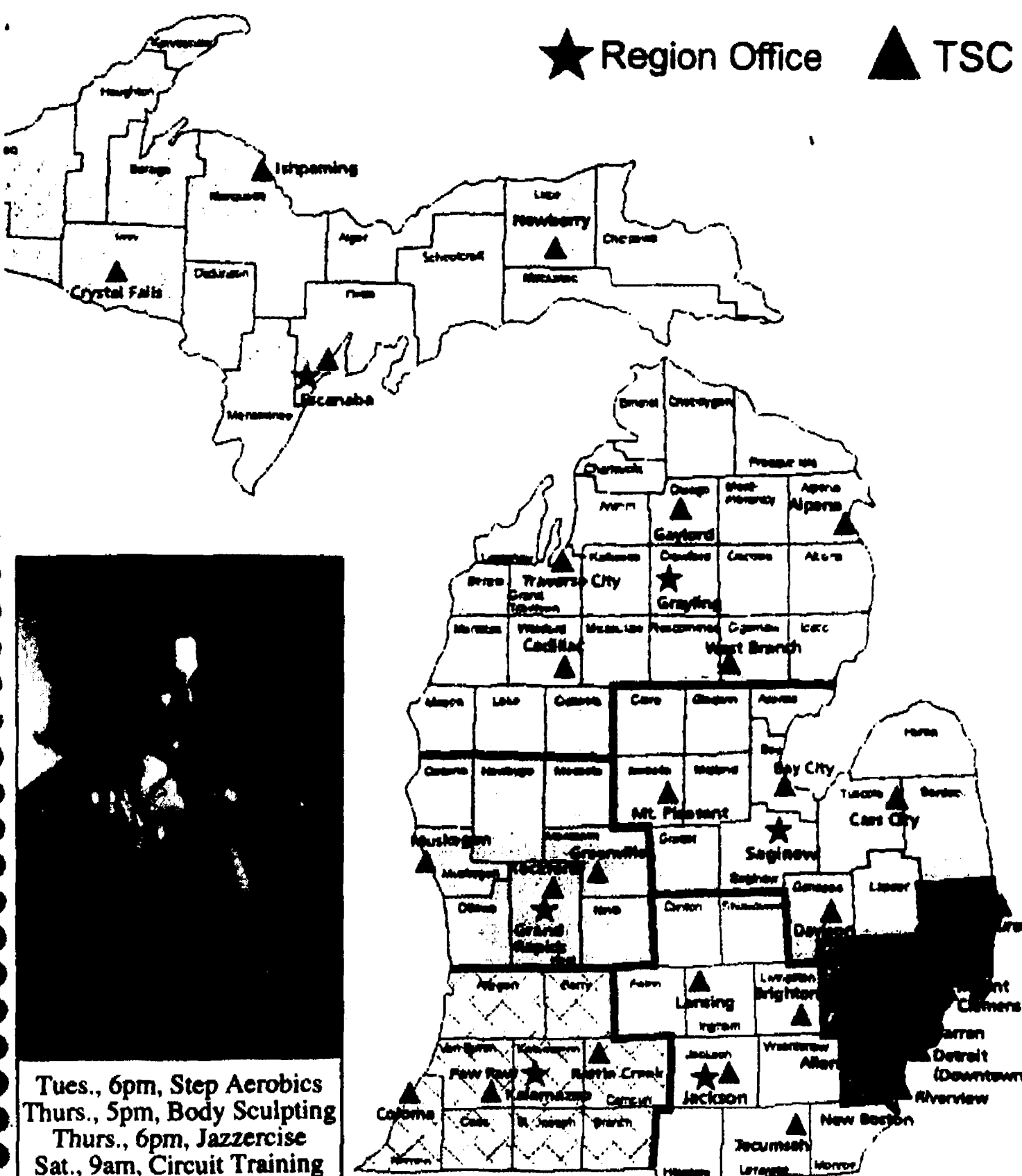
Take a disaster supplies kit (three day supply of water, food that won't spoil, one change of clothing and footwear for each person, a first aid kit, battery-powered radio, flashlight, extra batteries, sanitation supplies and keep important family documents in a waterproof container.

Lock your home.

Tell someone when you left and where you are going.

Choose a route away from fire hazards. Watch for changes in the speed and direction of fire and smoke.

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Section B Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, April 10, 1997



CREW CHIEF BANCROFT-- Air Force Crew Chief Ron Bancroft poses under his name on the AC-130U. This same name plate is included in an AMT ERTL scale model of the airplane.

Airplane evolves to form new gunship

The Lockheed C-130, once the most popular plane in the United States Air Force inventory, is over 25 years old. Once primarily used as a troop carrier, it has been converted for many various uses.

One such use is the gunship. The gunship was a result of the Vietnam War when the need for concentrated firepower in a small target zone prompted its development.

The resulting plane was nicknamed "Puff the Magic Dragon" and was the AC-47. The plane carried many guns aimed out its sides. These guns would unload countless munitions into

its target.

Although the plane was successful, it had limitations. A new gunship, the AC-119, was developed. But, the gunship has reached its current peak with the new AC-130Us.

In 1967 the first C-130A was equipped with four 7.62mm mini-guns and four 20mm Gatling cannons, a Starlite Scope, an infrared sensor and a strong searchlight.

After being successful, the C-130 gunships went through several upgrades including the C-130H (Hercules).

The C-130H planes were equipped

with two 20mm mini-guns, a 40mm Bofor gun, and a 105mm Howitzer. The targeting equipment included the ASQ-145 Low Level Light Television, APQ-133 Beacon Tracking sideviewing radar, a Korad AVQ-18 laser designator and a new digital fire control computer as well as other infrared and laser sensor and ECM (electric counter measures) equipment.

A contract was awarded to Rockwell's North American Aircraft Operations to develop an advanced Hercules airplane.

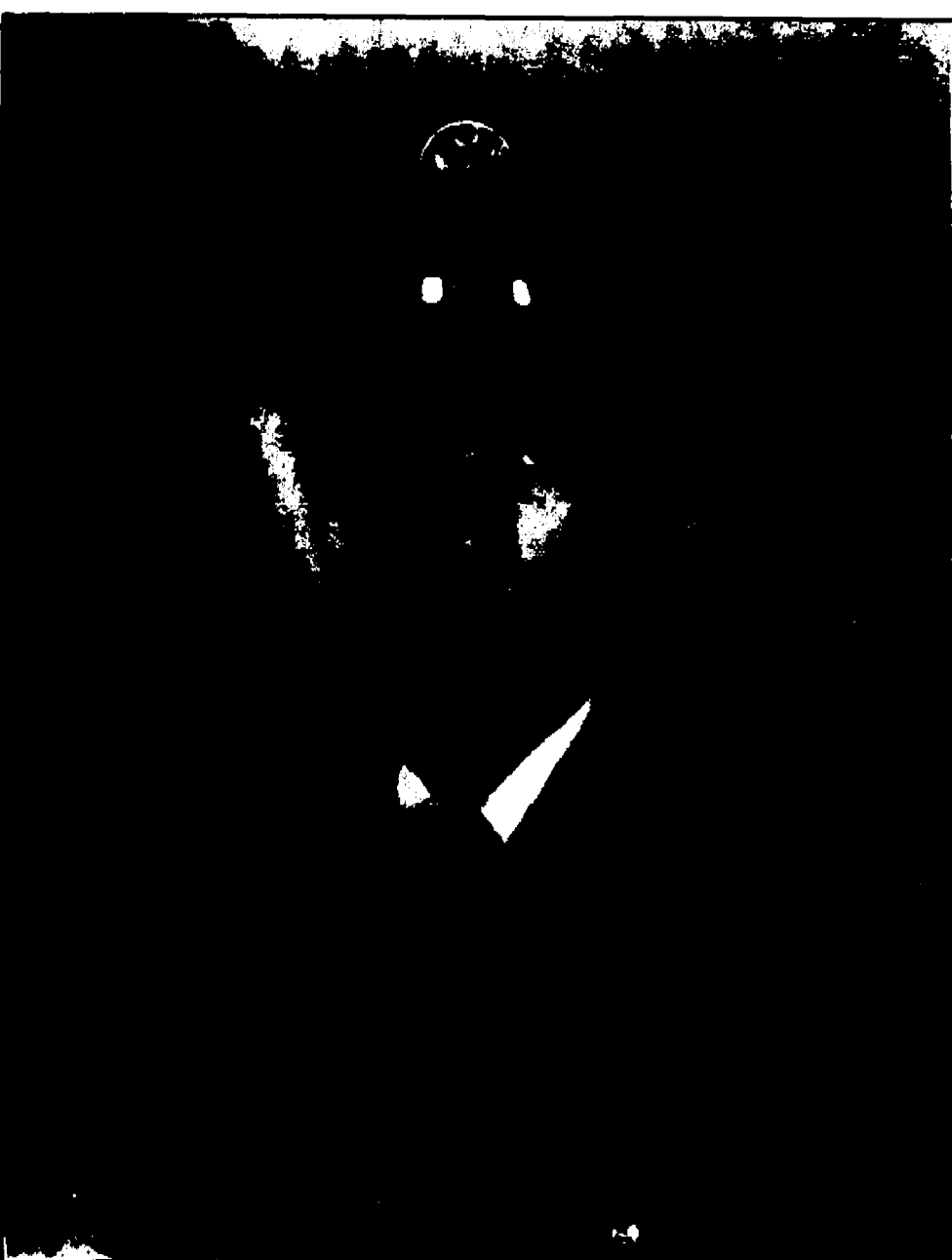
The first six AC-130Us (Ultra) were extensively tested at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

Twelve AC-130Us were then delivered to Special Operations Forces at Hurlbert Field, Fla. between late 1991 and the end of 1992.

The airframes for the Ultras were built by Lockheed's Georgia division. The conversion of the Hercules to the Ultra was begun in 1988 with the installation of a highly accurate suite of 105mm, 40mm and 25mm guns. Equipped with infrared and electro-optical sensors and a fire control radar, the guns can be slaved to FLIR, all light level TV or strike radar which permits night and adverse weather operations against ground targets.

Other features include a ventral nose infrared sensor and mount, an extended left forward sponson, an ALLTV unit in the forward sponson, an ALQ-172 tail cap, a vertical fin tip jammer, fuel tank pylon rear chaff/flare dispenser, HF antenna, satellite tracking antenna, upper cargo door with observer's station, a clear observer's blister, a starboard observer's window and numerous chaff/flare dispensers.

The AC-130U is capable of fire suppression, escort, surveillance, search and rescue, armed reconnaissance, interdiction and area defense.



MODEL SOLDIER-- Ron Bancroft, pictured here after graduating from Air Force basic training, recently had his AC-130U gunship turned into a scale model.

Grayling man has gunship turned into scale model

by Lisa Hofman
Staff Reporter

When Virginia Bancroft opened a present from her sister this past Christmas, she got quite a shock.

Virginia's son Ron had his Air Force gunship turned into a scale model.

"The model company (AMTERTL) went to Hurlbert Field, Fla. and got all the statistics on the 'Spectre' AC-130U Gunship and made the scale model from that," Virginia said. "In the fall of 1996, when Ron first told me about it I thought it was farfetched. But when I opened that present and saw his plane, I was shocked."

Ron, a 1988 graduate of Grayling High School, enlisted in the Air Force upon high school graduation.

He graduated from Air Force basic

training in the top 10 and is currently the crew chief of the "Spectre".

According to Ron's grandmother, Martha Bancroft, Ron was the first airman to be involved with the U model. He traveled to California as a member of the task force.

"In 1995 Ron had his name put on the 'Spectre' while he was still a senior airman. Generally they have to be at least a staff sergeant to have this honor," Martha said.

This name is also included in the scale model. On the actual gunship the names are painted above the door. For the scale model a decal is included with those same names.

Bancroft is currently stationed in Italy where he flies air cover missions into Bosnia and Albania. However, he

has also served his country in Panama, the Persian Gulf and in secret missions.

"His plane provides cover for planes that are conducting their missions. He's been out of the country doing things that I don't even know about," Virginia said.

According to Virginia, the AC-130U gunship is a powerful airplane. "This plane is an armed plane; all it does is shoot. Ron's trained with (Navy) SEALs, and other specialized groups," Virginia said.

In fact, Hurlbert Field is a specialized base.

As a crew chief, "Ron is responsible for making sure everything on the airplane is a go. He has flying status so he can fly right along with the plane. If something goes wrong, he's capable of getting it up and running again," Virginia said.

Although Ron has never been shot down, he's had some close calls.

"A week after the 'Spirit 03' (another AC-130U gunship) was shot down, Ron's plane was in the same area and it was locked on," Virginia said.

Because of the pilot's skill the airplane landed safely.

"The sides of the airplane fell off because of the sharp turns the pilot made to avoid being shot down. However, the plane landed, was repaired and went back up," Virginia said.

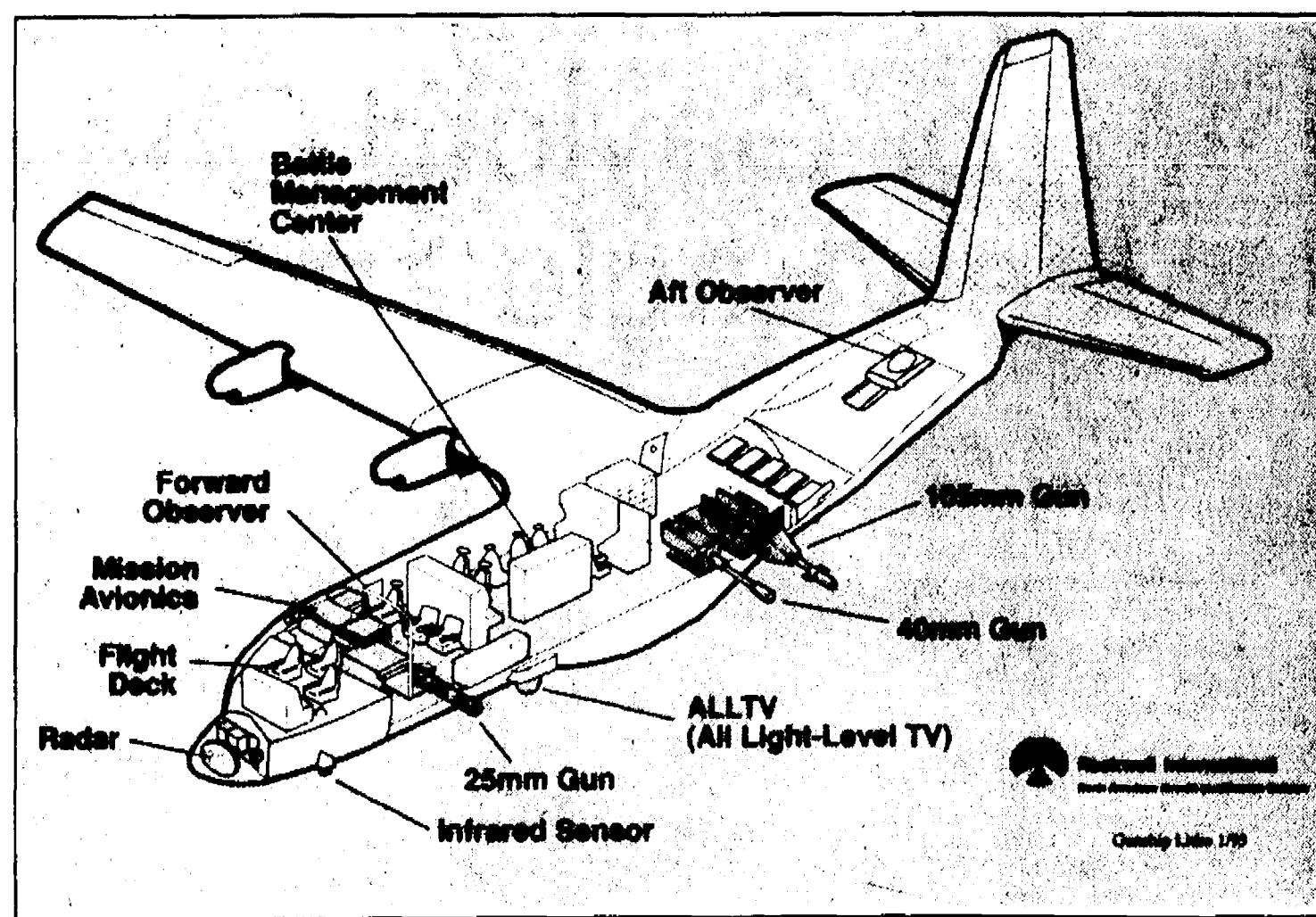
"He started in the eleventh grade and decided he would join the Air Force. If he couldn't join the Air Force he wasn't going to join any other branch. It was the Air Force or nothing," Virginia said.

"He has piles of letters of commendations for the missions he's been on and he's been awarded the 'Specialist of the Base' Award," Virginia said.

"I'm quite proud of Ron; very, very proud of him," Virginia said.



GUNSHIP MODEL-- Virginia (left) and Martha Bancroft, Ron Bancroft's mother and grandmother, respectively, hold the scale model of Ron's AC-130U gunship. The model includes a decal with Ron's name.



GUNSHIP DIAGRAM-- A diagram of the AC-130U gunship that Crew Chief Ron Bancroft flies is pictured above.



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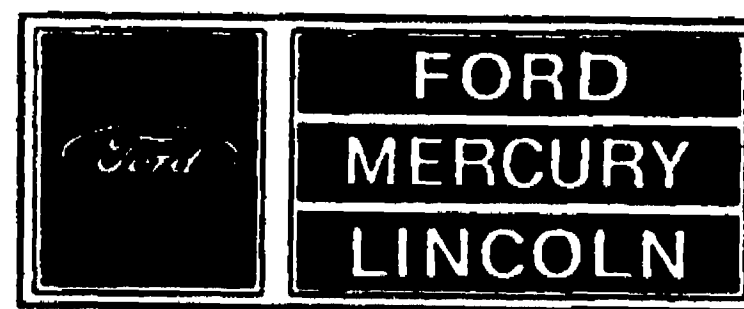
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Habitat readies itself for Blitz Build

The Crawford County Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors is charting the way for the building of the first Habitat house scheduled for June.

"All of 1996 was focused on establishing and organizing the infrastructure of our affiliate and our hard work paid off as we were granted affiliation status in March," said Naomi Holysko, RSM and President of the Habitat board.

Crawford County Habitat for Humanity will take part in the Michigan Blitz Build scheduled between June 21 and July 5. During this time, approximately 150 new houses statewide will be constructed for Habitat families.

Committee chairpeople are making final plans so they can meet the deadline scheduled for June.

As of April 1, applications from five families have been received. Families are selected based on certain criteria including their financial need, ability to pay monthly payments and willingness to become partners in the program.

They must also have been a resident of Crawford County for at least one year. Plans are to have the Habitat family take possession of the new home by November, 1997.

At that time they will receive the keys to the house and will be guided by the Family Support Committee who will facilitate the transition to successful home ownership.

This committee will assist the family in making decisions regarding their home, track sweat equity hours (each adult must provide 250 hours), mediate problems and provide support when needed.

Through volunteer labor, management expertise and tax-deductible donations of money and materials, Habitat builds and rehabilitates homes with the help of its homeowners.

Houses are sold at no profit to partner families and no interest mortgages are issued over a fixed period.

The monthly mortgage payments are deposited into a revolving "Fund for Humanity" which supports the construction of more houses. The average cost of a 1,000 square foot Habitat home is approximately \$35,000-\$40,000, depending on location, labor, land and materials.

"There are creative ways that individuals and organizations can participate in this unique ministry," said Barb Brooks, Chairperson of the Habitat Fund Development Committee. About 75 volunteers from our community have committed themselves to this project in various capacities and we still need more.

"In-kind" donations, materials or services can be donated for free or at reduced cost, thus saving money for the affiliate. It is just as useful to receive a donated, unusable door as it is to receive the money to buy one. Oftentimes, lumber companies will donate building materials or sell them at cost to Habitat projects.

Another way to "adopt-a-house" gives civic groups or a church organization an opportunity to



participate by funding a portion of a house. For example, they can become roof builders and cover the cost of a roof, or they can be wall raisers and sponsor the cost of raising the walls.

"This is an appealing way to contribute to building a home because the end result is visible. Then they can say 'we put the roof on, or we put up the walls or paid for all the windows,'" said Brooks.

The Carpenters Club is yet another way individuals can make

contributions, especially if they are not able to volunteer hours. Habitat also seeks vacant, buildable sites (must be a minimum of one-half acre) and houses that can be rehabilitated. Contact Rick Anderson at 348-6241 or 348-4809 to donate any property.

Anderson, Chairperson of the Site and Building Committee said that builders Scott McClain and Dave Wyman, along with Dave Carpenter will oversee the flooring, side walls and roof construction of the Habitat

house. However, more skilled tradespeople such as drywallers, plumbers and electricians are sought to add to the construction crew. Call 348-0403 or 348-1132 to volunteer.

A meeting will be held at the Commission on Aging April 30 at 7 p.m. for site and construction workers.

To have a guest speaker talk to any organization about the mission of Habitat for Humanity call the Rev. Doug Paterson at Michelson Memorial Church.

Clean-up fund to be used on contaminated sites

by Kamela Tresh
Capital News Service

There should be enough state money to clean up local contaminated sites under a new funding plan, Department of Environmental Quality officials say.

"There should be adequate funding," said John Alford, DEQ environmental response division supervisor for Gaylord and Grayling.

A series of new packages were put into place last year that will provide plenty of money for clean up, said Alan Howard, chief of DEQ's environmental response division.

Gov. John Engler signed legislation last year to create a new "pay-as-you-go" approach to clean up.

It will provide \$50 million to \$70 million annually, said Sharon Edgar, a DEQ unit chief in Lansing.

But Rick Jameson, executive director of Michigan United Conservation Clubs, said that's not enough.

"It's disappointing," he said. "It should have been \$80 million to \$90 million per year. DEQ's own people estimated they would need \$100 million per year."

"They've fallen short of their own goal," said Jameson, who heads the state's largest conservation organizations. "There is no adequate long-term funding. We are concerned they won't meet their goals."

He also calls for fees for those who pollute. The money would help pay for clean up.

Since 1973, the only state money for clean up came from the Environmental Protection Bond Program. But, Howard said, "the state bond passed by Michigan residents — \$425 million — is just about gone."

"The bond fund was a one-time lump

sum," said Ken Silfven, the DEQ press secretary.

DEQ officials insist the new financial plan should provide enough clean-up money.

"The new program is an ongoing source. It won't create debt or new taxes," Edgar said.

"We are stretching existing money," Silfven said.

He also said new standards for clean up and contaminant levels depend on what will be built on the land. "The standards for building a day care center would be higher than an auto plant."

Those new standards reduce clean-up costs, he said.

One new funding source includes money from unclaimed bottle deposits. This money will be set aside in a new Clean-up and Redevelopment Trust Fund to provide \$15 million each year, Edgar said.

In addition, unspent money can be transferred from other DEQ divisions. For example, one waste management unit did not use \$28 million of its budget in 1995, so the leftover money now can be put into the new clean-up fund.

General tax funds provide another \$30 million a year for the clean-up program.

The state also is encouraging redevelopment of "brownfield" sites, old industrial sites that have been abandoned and need their soil cleaned before anyone can build on the land.

Former industrial sites are one of the top contaminants in northern Michigan, DEQ's Alford said. Cleaning these sites for private developers will make the land more usable.

"This has been our focus the last

few years," he said. "We can actually start taking applications and funding sites." The department also plans to identify future sites for redevelopment.

The DEQ hasn't identified any eligible brownfields in Crawford County, but there may be some sites that haven't come to the agency's attention.

"Any contaminated site not occupied has potential," said Alford.

The state wants to preserve open "green" areas and take advantage of land that already has been industrialized.

"Eventually this will be cost-effective," Edgar said. If industrial sites are rebuilt on old industrialized land, then water pipes, electric lines, roads and traffic lights will already be there.

Also, redeveloping these areas will make more attractive neighborhoods and this will cause a "domino effect" on surrounding communities, Edgar said.

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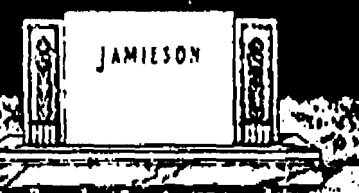
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As of Tuesday, April 1, weight restrictions have been modified to allow full overload permits on all state trunklines from the south state line north to and including I-96 at Muskegon, then east to and including I-69 north of Lansing to US-127, south on US-127 to I-96, then east on I-96 to M-59, then east on M-59 to I-94 at Mount Clemens.

The restrictions are in effect on trunklines within the remainder of the state. There are no restrictions for legal axle loadings on those trunklines designated as "all season" trunklines in the restricted area. All extended permits will be valid for oversize only within the restricted area and permits will not be issued for any loads exceeding 14 feet in width.

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These rivers are open a distance up from a list of these rivers in the 1997 Fish Digest.

The Boardman River at Traverse City is open up to the dam by the post office and has been very good at times. Also Elk Rapids at the dam and below is a good spot!

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Spring tune-up: a good idea for pets

Pets get cabin fever just like people. When spring arrives, pets will spend more time outside enjoying sunshine and warmer temperatures. Unfortunately, that also means they will be closer to other animals which may be ill, including rabid wildlife. There may also be other dangers that can cause disaster if precautions are not taken by owners.

Springtime is the perfect time to give a pet the gift of health, a "tune-up" at a veterinarian's office. For dogs, that should include an annual heartworm examination.

A heartworm examination consists of a blood test performed by a veterinarian. Dogs should be placed on heartworm preventative medicine on a schedule prescribed by your veterinarian. Daily and monthly forms of medication are available. Heartworm preventative medication should not be given until the dog has been tested.

According to Dr. Nancy Frank, a veterinarian with the Animal Industry Division of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, heartworm is a widespread and serious canine disease in Michigan.

"The disease is so easy to prevent but difficult to treat if it is advanced,"

said Frank. "Undiagnosed and untreated, it can be fatal to dogs."

Frank said, "Signs of serious infection include: lethargy, coughing — sometimes with blood, and a history of not receiving heartworm preventative medicine. Most cases are detected early in a routine exam and can be treated successfully."

Other canine and feline precautions and concerns include:

- Checking for internal parasites which can be done by giving the veterinarian the animal's stool sample.

- Fleas increase during the spring and reach their peak in late summer. Always be on the lookout for fleas. There are several effective remedies available to fight flea problems. Some medications help stop fleas from

reproducing and some medications actually kill fleas. Some medications have to be started before the flea season gets into full swing. Consult your veterinarian for a customized flea control plan that best fits your needs and your pet's needs.

- Be sure vaccinations are up-to-date, particularly if you take your pet to public places such as beaches, parks, or dog or cat shows.

- Adult dogs should be vaccinated annually for distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, parvo virus, parainfluenza, and for rabies every three years.

- Adult cats should be vaccinated annually for distemper and respiratory disease, and for rabies every three years. A vaccination for feline

leukemia is also available.

During warmer weather, more cats and dogs are outside and the incidence of fighting and accidents, such as being hit by a car, increases. It is a good idea to know where the pet is at all times; keeping the pet in sight and under control is healthy for the pet and keeps the pet owner a law-abiding citizen.

Long neglected as a health concern for animals, dental care is now accepted as an important part of an animal's welfare. Veterinarians clean pets' teeth as part of routine examinations. Pet toothpaste can be purchased by owners to be used at home.

In addition to the vaccinations and general health care measures described above, older pets need extra love and attention. Consult with a veterinarian about a good health program which includes a physical exam every six months. Blood tests are routinely done on older pets to check the function of the animal's organs.

Officials call for ban of gasoline additive

State officials are urging gasoline marketers and producers to refrain from putting a potentially harmful fuel additive in Michigan's gas supply.

The additive, known as MMT, has not been incorporated into the state's supply. Officials emphasize they are not aware of any industry plans to do so.

MMT is a manganese-based, octane-enhancing additive that could pose public health, air quality and vehicle performance problems. The state's request came in a letter to gasoline industry leaders from Department of Environmental Quality Director Russell Harding and Department of Agriculture Director Dan Wyant. It was sent in response to recommendations from the Environmental Defense Fund and the American Lung Association of Michigan.

"The jury is still out on MMT," Harding said. "But we do have concerns regarding potential adverse health effects of low-dose, long-term manganese exposure. A voluntary ban by industry is key to safeguarding public health and the environment until more conclusive evidence on MMT is available."

"MDA's random samples of gasoline this year do not show any MMT in the Michigan gasoline supply," Wyant said. "We are hopeful that gasoline refiners, distributors and retail dealers recognize the potential problems mentioned. We will continue to work with the gasoline industry, American motor vehicle manufacturers, the Department of Environmental Quality, and environmental groups to ensure that the high-quality gasoline which

consumers expect will always be available in Michigan."

Long-term studies addressing MMT concerns are not completed. The evaluations were prompted by earlier observations of chronic manganese poisonings in which individuals exhibit various psychiatric disorders and Parkinson's disease-like symptoms.

In addition, MMT could cause spark plug failure and other problems in Michigan's motor vehicle fleet. It may have an impact on vehicle pollution control equipment and cause increased hydrocarbon emissions. The additive also could affect automobile extended maintenance intervals and extended warranties.

"Michigan has stepped up to the plate and said 'no' to this risky fuel additive," said EDF senior attorney Bill Roberts. "No one wants to be a guinea pig for an untested chemical. It's time we shelve this additive until we know for sure whether it causes harmful health effects or damages our automobiles."

A final decision concerning MMT use will be made once appropriate studies are completed.

State law gives the Department of Agriculture director authority to establish standards for the amount and type of gasoline additives. Anyone incorporating MMT into the fuel supply must notify the MDA prior to product distribution to ensure that they are in compliance with the act.

An MMT ban is under consideration in Canada. A measure approved by the House of Commons is now being deliberated by the Canadian Senate.

Application period set for tuition program

The Michigan Education Trust (MET) Board approved an open enrollment period for applications from Aug. 18 through Sept. 30. MET is a prepaid tuition program that allows purchasers to prepay future college tuition costs.

Applications and a \$25 non-refundable application fee for enrollment in the MET program will be accepted by the MET office in Lansing between Aug. 18 and Sept. 30. Submitting an application does not commit the applicant to completing a contract. However, no contract will be granted without an application.

The purchase of a MET contract has certain tax advantages that are not offered by other college investment options. The initial investment is exempt from state income tax and any amount paid toward tuition above the original contract price is taxed at the (usually) lower tax rate of the beneficiary (student) when they attend school. A MET contract does not guarantee tuition will be paid by the State of Michigan.

"We are pleased to offer this opportunity to help Michigan families save for college," commented State Treasurer and MET Board Chairman Douglas B. Roberts.

Applications will be mailed the beginning of August. To receive an application form or more information about MET, please write to: Michigan Education Trust, P.O. Box 30198, Lansing, Michigan, 48909; or call: 1-800-MET-4-KID.

Community Services at Kirtland Community College is ushering in the Spring/Summer season with the following medley of courses:

ARTS & CRAFTS
Raku
April 17-18, 1997; 10 am - 2 pm
Fee: \$30; AWF discount, \$27
June 5-6, 1997; 3-5 pm
Fee: \$30; AWF discount, \$27

Spinning
April 29 & May 6; 6-9 pm
Fee: \$44

Introduction to Photography
May 7, 14, 21 & 28; 6:30-8:30 pm
Fee: \$35; AWF discount, \$31.50
July 10, 17, 24 & 31; 6:30-8:30 pm
Fee: \$35; AWF discount, \$31.50

COMPUTERS
Introduction to Personal Computers
April 15 & 22; 6-9 pm
Fee: \$39; AWF discount, \$35
April 25; 9 am - 4 pm
Fee: \$39; AWF discount, \$35
Windows 95
May 13 & 20; 6-9 pm; Fee: \$50
May 30; 9 am - 4 pm; Fee: \$50

Microsoft Office
June 10, 17 & 24; 6-9 pm; Fee: \$60

Introduction to Internet
June 11, 18, 25 & July 2, 9; 6-9 pm
Fee: \$48.65 in-district; \$66.70 out-of-district; lab fee: \$8

HEALTH & WELLNESS
Movement Therapy
April 19 & 26; 8:30 am - 5 pm
Fee: \$47.25 in-district; \$64.75 out-of-district; lab fee: \$10
June 28-29; 8:30 am - 5 pm
Fee: \$48.65 in-district; \$66.70 out-of-district; lab fee: \$10

Exploring Mind/Body Healing
April 26 & May 3; 9 am - 1 pm; Fee: \$39

Reflexology
May 31; 9 am - 1 pm; Fee: \$25

Introduction to Massage
June 7-8; 8:30 am - 5 pm
Fee: \$48.65 in-district; \$66.70 out-of-district

Certified Personal Trainer Exam Prep Course
June 13 & 27 & July 11; 1-5 pm; Fee: \$60

MASSAGE & BODYWORK
On-Site Massage
June 21-22; 8:30 am - 5 pm
Fee: \$48.65 in-district; \$66.70 out-of-district; lab fee, \$10

Sports Massage
July 12, 13, 26 & 27; 8:30 am - 5 pm
Fee: \$97.30 in-district; \$133.40 out-of-district; lab fee, \$20

OUTDOORS
Nature Photography
June 6; 3:30 - 7:30 pm
June 7; 10 am - 3 pm
Fee: \$75

TOURS
Lake Michigan Lights
June 13; 7-9 pm
June 14; 7 am
Fee: \$65; AWF discount, \$58.50; optional ferry fee, \$19

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YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

from Charles Tinsley, Social Security Representative
Regulations on childhood disability published

Regulations providing guidelines on how the Social Security Administration will apply the new definition of disability for children were published in the Federal Register on Feb. 11.

The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, passed on Aug. 22, 1996, requires that a child's impairment or combination of impairments will be considered disabling if it causes "marked and severe functional limitations." The rule states that the child's condition must meet or exceed the level of severity indicated in a listing of impairments. It is expected to affect about 135,000 children nationally currently receiving benefits.

Although some news articles have alleged that children with impairments such as Down's Syndrome, severe mental retardation, autism, or many rare diseases will lose benefits, the new rules provide guidelines for evaluating severe impairments such as these to ensure that such children

remain eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits.

One of Social Security's highest priorities will be to make sure the new disability guidelines are implemented fairly and consistently. Last December, letters were to about 263,000 children who may have their cases reviewed using the new guidelines. If found not disabled under the new law, letters will be sent to parents and guardians explaining their appeal rights, including the fact that benefits can continue during the appeals process until a face-to-face hearing is held before an administrative law judge. Under the law, no benefits will be stopped before July 1, 1997.

The new rules reflect both the letter and the spirit of the law. They provide an accurate mechanism to ensure that needy children with severe disabilities continue to qualify for SSI payments while fairly implementing the intent of Congress.

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Rendezvous features 'silent' sports

Approximately 20 lines of manufacturers drew the people to Grayling High School on Saturday, April 5, for the annual Silent Sports Rendezvous.

The Cartwright & Danewell event featured displays of paddlesport and outdoor gear, speakers and seminars. Michael Searles, who headed up the event, said the rendezvous focused on such "silent" sports as hiking, canoeing and kayaking.

The event went quite well, Searles said. There was good attendance at the show, and good attendance for the presentations on specific outdoor activities.

One of the highlights of Rendezvous '97 was the Waterwalker Film Festival. According to Searles, the film festival drew more than 300 people.

This was the third year that the rendezvous was held indoors. Event officials are planning on holding the event again next year.

Grayling Vikings Begin Spring Sports Season

It seems odd to begin the spring season of high school athletics following recent snowfalls, but it is that time of year again. A full schedule for the high school teams will be included in a future edition of the Avalanche along with team photos. This short schedule will get the Viking fans started.

Girls Soccer:

Date	Opponent
April 9	vs. Oscoda
April 11	vs. Alpena
April 14	at Pinconning

Varsity Track:

Date	Opponent
April 16	at Bay City John Glenn
April 23	at Standish Sterling

Varsity Softball:

Date	Opponent
April 10	at Gaylord
April 15	at Roscommon
April 17	at Lake City

JV Softball:

Date	Opponent
April 10	vs. Gaylord
April 15	vs. Roscommon
April 17	vs. Lake City

Varsity Baseball:

Date	Opponent
April 10	at Gaylord
April 15	at Roscommon
April 17	at Lake City

JV Baseball:

Date	Opponent
April 10	vs. Gaylord
April 15	vs. Roscommon
April 17	vs. Lake City

Girls Golf:

Date	Opponent
April 21	at Midland
April 24	vs. Alpena
April 25	at Ludington

Boys Tennis:

Date	Opponent
April 12	at Alma
April 15	at Harbor Springs

Middle School Track:

Date	Opponent
April 25	at Houghton Lake
May 1	at Roscommon



LOOKING AROUND -- A large crowd of people attended the rendezvous in the Grayling High School gymnasium. Numerous canoes and kayaks were on display. Photos by Eric Gaertner



HISTORY SCENE -- These four men depict an old-fashioned scene of camping out. The four men are, from left: Tom Redmond, Stan Adams, (facing this way) John Jeffrey and Dick Gilliane.



CHECKING THINGS OUT -- Ron Kage of Traverse City looks over a kayak at the Silent Sports Rendezvous. Kage was one of many who came to look at the canoes and kayaks at the show.

Outstanding young business owner sought for honor

Ah, to be young and running your own business. If that description fits, you could receive \$1,000 and national recognition at an awards banquet this June.

The NFIB Education foundation, the research and education affiliate of the National Federation of Independent Business, is accepting nominations for its 1997 "Outstanding Young Business Owner" award.

To be considered for the award, candidates must have launched their businesses before reaching their 22nd birthday and still be managing the operation today. A panel of judges will review all nominations, looking for things such as creativity (either in

the concept of the business itself or in how the business is run or marketed), growth, perseverance in the face of adversity, and maintaining an excellent academic record while operating the business.

Nominations may be submitted by anyone, but must be received by the Foundation no later than May 5. The winner will be honored at a June 20 awards banquet held as part of NFIB's Small Business Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

Anyone wanting a nomination form should contact Kate English at the NFIB Education Foundation, 53 Century Boulevard, Suite 300, Nashville, TN 37214.



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- The Economics of the Emu Industry**
(Chris Martinson, Circle A Farms, Spruce, MI)
- The Care of Emus**
(Darwin Stith, DVM, Michigan Dept. of Agriculture)

Cost is \$10 per person and includes a Continental breakfast. Following the seminar complimentary snacks will be served featuring delicious, low-fat, low cholesterol emu. Registration deadline is April 23. Visa and Mastercard accepted. Or make checks payable to: Emu Seminars, P.O. Box 25, Spruce, MI 48762.

To register or for more information, call 1-800-821-0417

Gaylord Macker entry forms are available

Gus Macker, the World's Largest 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament is coming to Gaylord on June 14-15. Entry forms for the "Woodstock of Basketball" are now available.

Four-person teams may now pick up their Macker Entry forms at all Glen's Markets. Or persons can call Gus Macker-Gaylord at 517-732-4000 and have an application sent to them by mail.

Entry forms must be filled out completely for all members of the team. The Macker computer matches teams by age, height and playing experience to ensure fun for all. There are male and female divisions, the highly competitive open division, and special junior division for kids 10 and under, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16 and 17-18. And new for 1997, Gus Macker has special divisions for the 30 and over players.

There is a limit of 1,200 teams. Entry forms must be postmarked by May 23 and sent to Gus Macker-Gaylord at P.O. Box 513, Gaylord, MI 49735. Entry fee is \$88 per four-person team. Proceeds from the tournament benefit area charities.

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ASTROSCOPES

For The Week Of April 6-12

ARIES

March 21-April 20

Start small even if your plans are big. Plan for the future and lay the ground work for what is to come. Friends and relatives can offer advice and guidance, but you have to realize that the final decision is yours. Be aware of health and diet considerations.

TAURUS

April 21-May 21

Watch your wallet—a bazaar could turn out to be costly in the long run. Watch prices and study anything before signing it. Dangers can lurk in the fine print. Do more listening than talking. Don't commit yourself, your time or your money. An important person in your life could be challenging, but it will pass.

GEMINI

May 22-June 21

Now is the time to be close-mouthed. You'll learn workplace and personal secrets, but keep them to yourself. That strategy will pay off. Keep a close watch on present situations to prevent small problems from getting bigger. Take time for yourself and make time for some favorite activities.

CANCER

June 22-July 22

Take care of urgent business and don't allow yourself to worry too much about things that really aren't that important. Once business is out of the way, get together with friends and family to relax. Taking a low key approach now is the best way to get others on your side.

LEO

July 23-August 23

You can take on bigger and better projects and tasks if you make a choice now to see things through. You'll overcome discouragement and move toward your goal. You'll have the chance to use something you recently learned. Other people, including a loved one, are ready and willing to help you ask.

VIRGO

August 24-September 22

Practice patience and try to stay in the background if possible. Play things safe and don't make any rash decisions or statements. Act like a sponge and soak up information. You'll be able to use it later. You will have the chance to repay a debt to a friend or loved one.

LIBRA

September 23-October 23

You are a top attraction—people want to be with you and seek you out for advice and support. While serving as a counselor, you'll also be able to learn from others. Try to keep work and home separate to keep things moving smoothly both places. Don't overextend yourself.

SCORPIO

October 24-November 22

You have to roll with the punches. Situations will be unstable, and you'll have to do some fancy footwork to keep up. Don't get overwhelmed and give up. You should come through fine. Things will be predictable and routine again soon and you'll have a chance to look back and laugh.

SAGITTARIUS

November 23-December 21

Your intuition and abilities are on target. Keep focused on issues at hand and be careful not to reach too far too fast. Group situation turns to your advantage and you'll get a chance to showcase your ideas. Romance could be on your agenda so be sure to take some personal time to keep things in perspective.

CAPRICORN

December 22-January 20

Stay out of a stressful situation and use your skill as a mediator to calm things down. Be helpful but don't let others walk all over you. Watch your step around money and financial matters. Stick with health and diet plans.

AQUARIUS

January 21-February 18

Now is the time to offer your opinions. They'll be taken seriously. You get support and encouragement from an unexpected source. Play your cards close to the vest and don't tell all you know. Some who seem to be allies will show their true colors, and your position will be stronger.

PISCES

February 19-March 20

Take time to study situations and people before committing time or money. But old hurts and disappointments in the past and realize that things change over time. An older person or a youngster could give you a needed boost if you're receptive. Be willing to laugh at yourself.

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FRIENDLY DOG—This shepherd mix male is five or six months old. The dog seems to be housebroken and is very friendly. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

CHICKEN & WILD RICE SOUP

(Makes 6-8 servings)

- 1 box (6 oz.) long-grain & wild rice mix, prepared according to package directions
- 2 T. vegetable oil
- 8 oz. boneless, skinless chicken breast, cut into bite-size pieces
- 2 C. (6 oz.) sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1 1/4 C. (1 med.) chopped onion
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 3 1/2 C. water
- 2 T. dry white wine
- 4 chicken bouillon cubes
- 1/4 t. dried tarragon, crushed
- 1/4 t. dried thyme, crushed
- 1 1/2 C. evaporated milk
- 2 T. cornstarch
- sliced green onions

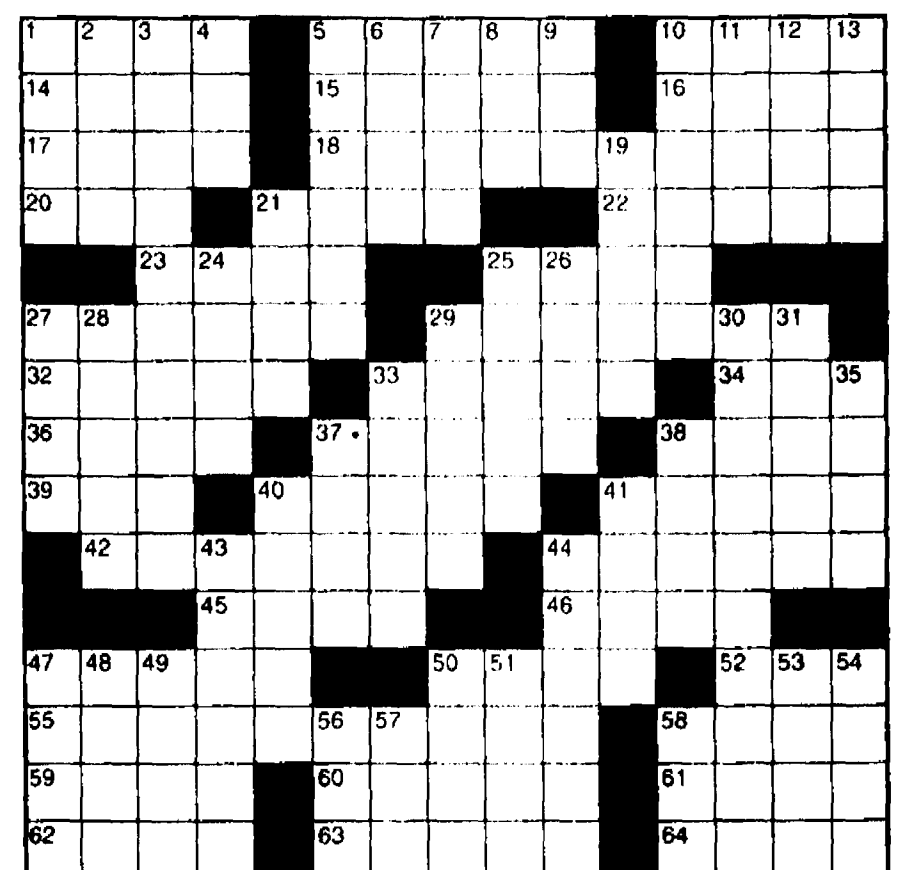
Heat oil in large saucepan over med.-high heat. Add chicken, mushrooms, onion and garlic; cook for 5-8 minutes, or until vegetables are tender and chicken is no longer pink.

Add rice, water, wine, bouillon, tarragon and thyme; bring to a boil. Combine small amount of evaporated milk and cornstarch in small bowl; stir until smooth. Stir

into soup mixture with remaining evaporated milk. Reduce heat to low. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 8-10 minutes, or until soup is thickened. Garnish with green onions.



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ACROSS

- 1. Bellyache
- 5. Robe material
- 10. Bandido (1979 film)
- 14. Drag
- 15. Layer over the Earth
- 16. _____ vacatia
- 17. Like a dilettante
- 18. Face place
- 20. Old car
- 21. Distribute
- 22. Overdoers' anguish
- 23. Post
- 25. What one doesn't get at a buffet
- 27. Gales
- 29. Agents of retribution
- 32. Oils, informally
- 33. Ambles amiably
- 34. _____ de plume
- 36. Storklike bird
- 37. Like food with a kick
- 38. Poet St. Vincent Millay
- 39. British comic Smith
- 40. Orate wearers
- 41. Practice
- 42. Entertains
- 44. "Purple Rain" singer
- 45. Kind of hygiene
- 46. Phoned, in the U.K.
- 47. Put out
- 50. Impair
- 52. Guido's note
- 55. Assemble

DOWN

- 1. Blacken
- 2. The _____ Breed (James Stewart film)
- 3. Transportation
- 4. Poet Robert
- 5. Drying cloths
- 6. Hebrew prophet
- 7. Stir up sediment
- 8. Hosp. workers
- 9. Though
- 10. Chinatown counter
- 11. Cedar chest outcast
- 12. Fonda's You Only Live _____
- 13. Cheerleading shouts
- 19. Abates
- 21. Makes darker
- 24. Warlike Greek god
- 25. Butchers' wares
- 26. TV award
- 27. Henry Fonda film
- 28. Potato, e.g.
- 29. Pries
- 30. Like the black-footed ferret

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23 Years Ago

April 11, 1974

Bear Mountain resort was ordered boarded up by Federal Judge Stephen J. Roth in a court hearing held in Bay City last Tuesday, due to financial woes at the Mountain.

Astork shower honoring Mrs. Carol Thompson was held at the home of Mrs. Helen Brown on Thursday, April 4, with 25 ladies present. Prizes were won by Ann Denno, Pat Millikin, Jean Thompson and Helen Harwood won the door prize. Two cakes were featured, one decorated in blue and one in pink. The centerpiece was an umbrella with flowers.

Mr. Jack Learney is a patient at Munson Hospital in Traverse City. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Harwood, Todd and Paula are enjoying a vacation in Florida visiting Disney World and other points of interest.

Doris Roberts and Henry Goulette were hosts at the last card party of the year. Prizes were won by Elsie Butters, Elsie Kearney, John Campau, Jack Maki and Walter Butters.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Bolman and family are visiting relatives and friends in Chicago.

The Cheerful Givers Club will meet Thursday evening at 7:30. Pot luck. Bring scissors.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown celebrated their 42nd anniversary, April 6th, and we would like to congratulate them.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Westbrooke were in Joliet, Illinois last week for the funeral of his brother. We would like to send our condolences.

Remember when you used to come to the church when the bell rang? Why not come again! The bell is now ringing at the First Baptist Church in Frederic. We want to thank Jerry Hulbert, who constructed our bell tower so we might once again hear the bell ring out over the town of Frederic.

To whom it may concern: If I made a statement that was misconstrued and hurt someone, I am sorry. May God forgive me. L. Neff

Mrs. Margaret Hayes has been named Crawford County chairperson for the state Democratic Party's 1974 Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner, April 27, at Cobo Hall in Detroit.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. David Annis of Grayling on April 2, a daughter, Stacy Lynn, weighing 6 lbs. 8 ozs.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hendrickson of Alpena recently visited the Roy Smiths.

Mr. and Mrs. LaRush went down to Lowell to visit their grandchildren for three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Trailer have a new son, Michael Thomas, born March 26. Tom is a former resident of Grayling as are the proud grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Merrill.

Mrs. Gloria Galloway of Flint was up to visit her mother-in-law, Elma Combs and attended Carol Thompson's baby shower.

46 Years Ago

April 12, 1951

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson, Lewis and Janet attended the wedding of Mary Archer on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Kellogg and family spent Sunday at the Roy Papenfus home.

Misses Margrethe and Olga Nielsen were hostesses Saturday evening to the members of their sewing club for a surprise birthday dinner to celebrate the birthdays of Mrs. Anna Schjotz, Mrs. Earl Dawson and Mrs. Wilhelm Raac.

With the aid of Gaylord, Kalkaska, Grayling, Lake Margrethe Conservation firefighters and equipment, the fire at Souvenir Works was confined to the north end of the plant in the dry kiln dept.

Tuesday Bridge Club met at the home of Mrs. Leonard Allison, April 3rd with Mrs. John Peterson as co-hostess. Mrs. Harold Farmer was a guest. Prizes were won by Mrs. Carl Richardson and Mrs. Don Gothro.

Mr. and Mrs. William Tufts returned home from Ft. Riley, Kansas, Monday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Legg (Pat Berry) of Kingston are happy over the

arrival of an infant daughter born at the hospital in Cass City on March 31. Pamela Ann as she has been named weighed eight pounds, nine ounces. Miss Joan Harwood has returned home after visiting the Leggs.

Les Welsh spent last Thursday in Midland on business. Sunday visitors at the Welsh home were Mr. Welsh's brother, Jack and a friend, Bill Wilds, of Mt. Pleasant.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Morency at Mercy Hospital on April 5. The little fellow tipped the scales at six pounds and two ounces. He has been named Curt Leo.

Mrs. Esther Peterson spent the weekend in Mt. Morris visiting her daughter, Miss Katherine Peterson.

Mrs. Don Koepfen of Cass City is spending a week or so visiting the Fred Welshes and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hanson returned home Saturday from their trip to Florida.

69 Years Ago

April 12, 1928

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Peterson have as their guest the latter's mother, Mrs. C. M. Ross of Vassar.

Margaret England returned home Monday after spending the spring vacation visiting her aunt, Mrs. Roy Billings in Bay City.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Owen on Friday, March 6. A number of friends gathered at her home on Tuesday, showering her with useful articles for the new comer.

Although Easter Sunday was cold and with snow, there were large crowds in attendance at all services.

The Seniors are practicing almost nightly for their play to be given soon in the school auditorium. The title is "The House of a Thousand Thrills."

Business is good and there is plenty of employment in Grayling for everyone wishing to work.

Miss Shirley MacNeven has been home from Petoskey the past week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter MacNeven.

Mrs. Ben DeLaMater has been spending several days here visiting

her mother, Mrs. F. A. Eckenfels.

Mr. and Mrs. George Barber are the happy parents of a seven pound boy, Harold LeRoy, born Sunday morning. The mother was formerly Evelyn Rood.

Thomas Brennan visited Ted and Bernard Callahan at the home of their parents.

94 Years Ago

March 9, 1905

The Flagg blacksmith shop is open for business again and you can bring on your work.

Died at the home of her father, Thomas Ingley, Thursday, March 2, Mary E. Wheeler, age 23 years.

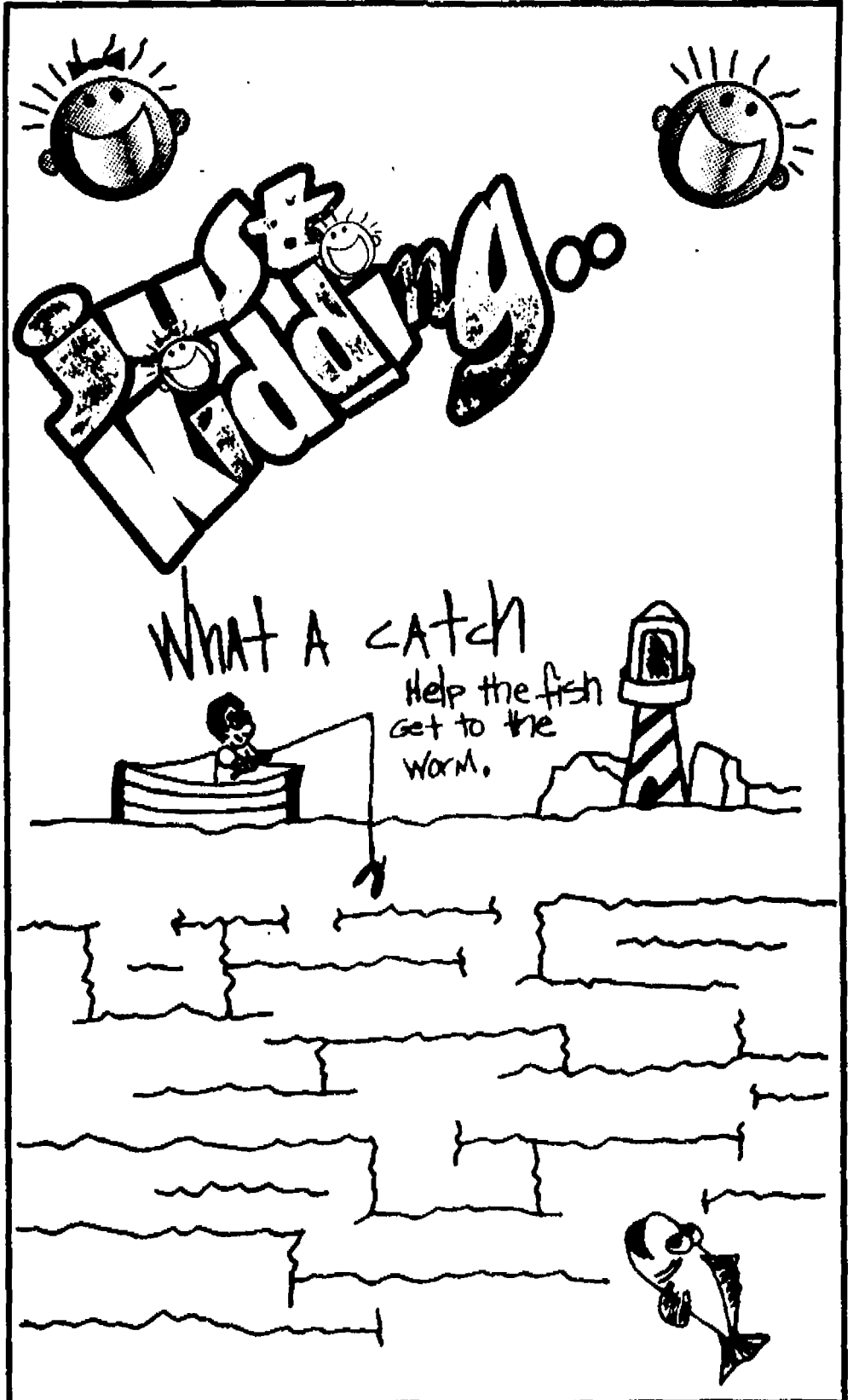
O.F. Barnes has brought 210 head of Hereford steers to start on the ranch in South Branch.

The bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Doherty incorporation West Branch as a city passed that branch of the legislature without opposition.

Supervisor Chalker and George F. Owen were in town the last of the week. They want the town divided into two voting precincts, which should be done in the interest of the settlers, especially in towns 27 and 28.

Floyd Taylor, Velma Farrah, Ethel Hoyt, Bertha Woodburn and Laura London, all of whom have been taking normal work, are taking the teachers examination today.

John Dupree of Beaver Creek is selling out and intends to move to Longlaketon, Canada, where he intends to go in for spring wheat raising.



WEATHER

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Date	High	Low	Precip.
4/2	57	20	
4/3	63	30	.01
4/4	49	26	
4/5	68	37	.02
4/6	55	47	.02
4/7	64	18	
4/8	28	15	

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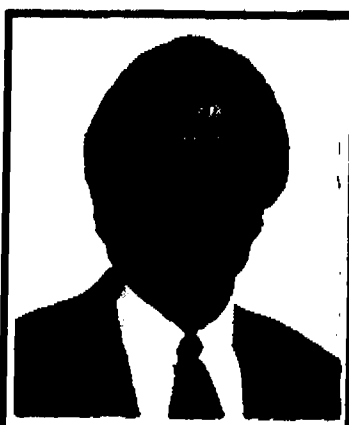
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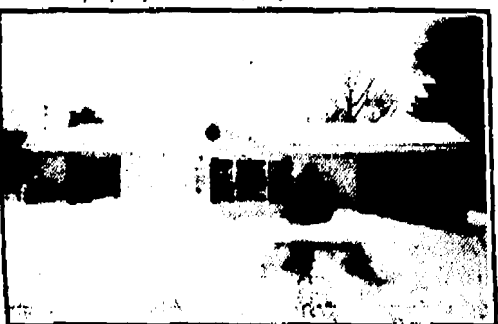
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SPRING IS A NEW BEGINNING...BEGIN HERE! 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, vaulted ceilings, warm, comfortable, family room is dominated by the raised hearth, kitchen island, washer & dryer included, satellite TV system, 2 wall air conditioners, Jacuzzi bath, tub in 2 baths. Bonus room above garage could be used as 4th bedroom or family room, den, etc. Private road (maintained). \$85,900. CC-551



HARDWOODS-STATE LAND-PRIVATE AUSTRALIAN ACCESS Blacktop road, all only one mile from city limits. 1,632 sq. ft. custom ranch, quality kitchen, trim, six-panel doors, three bedrooms, two baths, deck, covered porch, only five years old. 8x22 insulated workshop. Additional property available. \$108,500. CH-552



OPEN FLOOR PLAN dramatizes versatile interior. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths w/skylights in both, natural gas heat. Master bath offers garden tub and walk-in shower. Peaked ceiling throughout, oak kitchen cabinets and built-in oak hutch w/laundry doors, walk-out patio door off dining room. City water and sewer, cable TV, concrete driveway and wide sidewalks on two sides of house. Nicely landscaped. Close to town, schools and shopping. \$85,000. CS-530

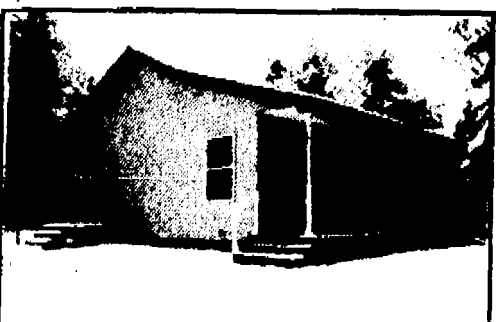


SECLUDED ACREAGE, 31 ACRES OF ROLLING HARDWOODS at end of private road. Horse barn 10x16, ceramic tile kitchen and bath, white Kraft made cabinets, vaulted ceilings, two hexagon windows. New three-bedroom, two-bath saltbox-style home. Immediate occupancy. Reduced to \$79,900. CH-471

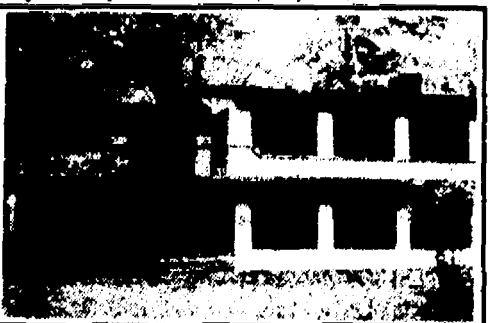


TALKING HOUSE

A PLACE TO HANG YOUR HEART! This country home offers 1,476 sq. ft., three bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, gas hot water baseboard heat. Warm, comfortable family room is dominated by the raised hearth fireplace and walk-out patio door. Sunny dining area with large windows. Large kitchen, 40x30 pole barn, horse barn and eight acres. Additional acreage available. \$65,900. CS-552



BEAUTIFUL, NEW, ENERGY-EFFICIENT HOME Three bedrooms, two baths, LP gas forced-air heat, drywall throughout! Maintenance-free vinyl siding, covered porch. Bright and airy. Immediate occupancy. \$65,000. CC-463



TALKING HOUSE

BEAUTIFUL RIVERFRONT HOME with 180' on the AuSable River. Three acres of mixed hardwoods. This spacious quality-built home offers 3,012 sq. ft. w/large sunroom and river room. Four bedrooms, three baths, den, family room w/split-stone hearth and woodstove, two-car attached garage, greenhouse, 32x38 newly-constructed two-story barn w/finished workshop, two carports, two sheds, satellite system and many features too numerous to mention. \$225,000. Reduced, \$225,000. CS-287



AUSABLE RIVER Approximately 300' frontage, adjoining federal land, secluded yet close to amenities. Four bedrooms, two baths, knotty pine cathedral ceilings, open staircase with log railings, stone hearth with pellet stove, two french doors onto extensive decking, custom kitchen. Garage is insulated/heated, two outbuildings. Quality with a rustic flair. Beautiful view amongst mature hardwoods and white pines. New offering. Call today for details. \$125,900. CH-538

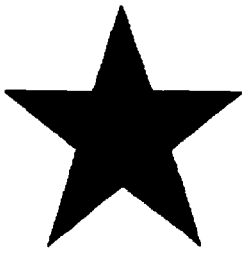


TAKE TO THE WOODS 10 acres with abundance of wildlife. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath offers 1,300 sq. ft. open floor plan to kitchen, living room and dining room. Utility room offers washer-dryer hook-up. Close to state land, AuSable River, Kneff Lake and country store. \$46,500. CS-490

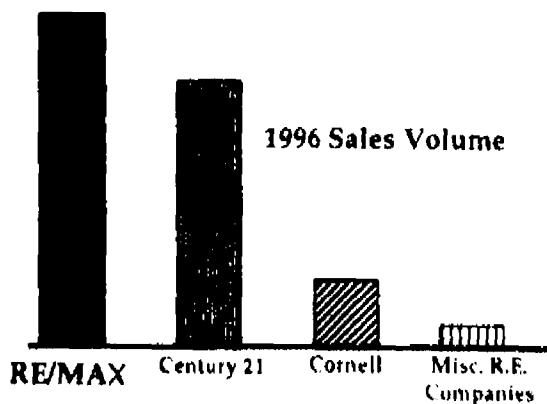


FRESHLY RENOVATED Three bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, new furnished kitchen cabinets, countertop and floor coverings. Sliding doorwall onto 10x12 deck. Vinyl siding, thermopane windows, all on corner lot offering blacktop streets, natural gas and underground utilities. \$61,900. CH-491

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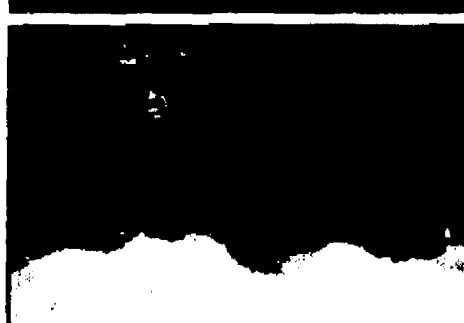


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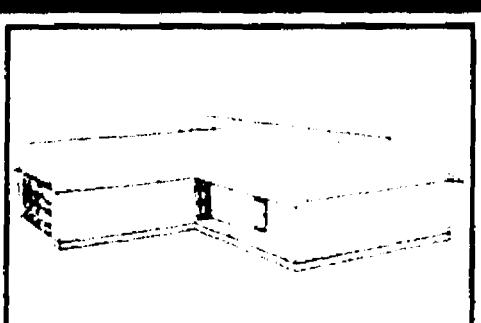


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JUST LISTED Cottage/small home on 22 acres. This is a one-of-a-kind property offering a small one-bedroom home, bunkhouse with an attached greenhouse, satellite dish, vinyl siding, new pole barn with concrete floor and loft, and storage buildings. \$48,500. BSO-553



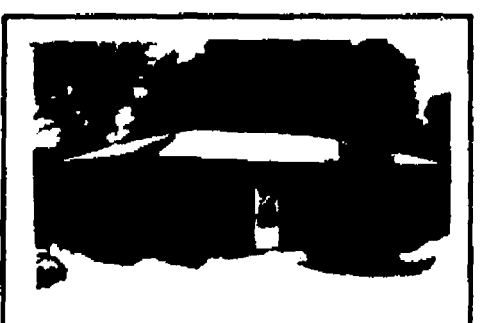
NEWLY-CONSTRUCTED 3-BEDROOM HOME located in the beautiful AuSable Woods area. Features 1,440 sq. ft., maintenance-free vinyl siding, two full baths, walk-in closet in master bedroom, natural hickory kitchen cabinets, hardwood floors in the kitchen and dining room. \$84,900. KM-529



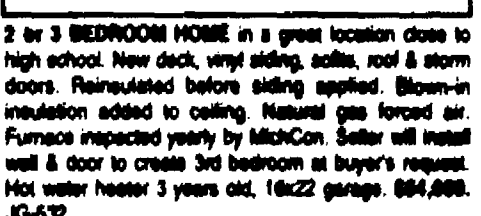
THIS THREE-BEDROOM RANCH features living room and knotty pine family room, large kitchen with many oak cabinets and built-in dishwasher. Double lot with 120 ft. frontage M-72 East. Zoned residential or commercial office/services--many possibilities! \$58,900. KM-456

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VACANT: Here is the perfect building site! 1.48 acres adjoining state land. Property located in AuSable Woods Association which offers road maintenance, pool and clubhouse. Access to the East Branch of the AuSable. \$6,000. BSO-543



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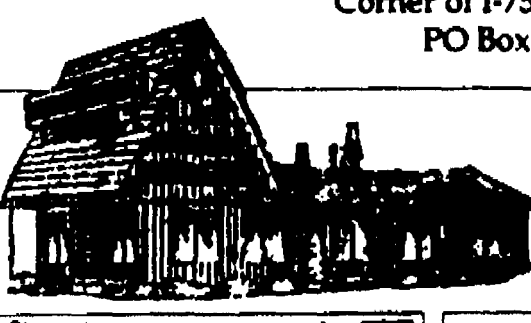
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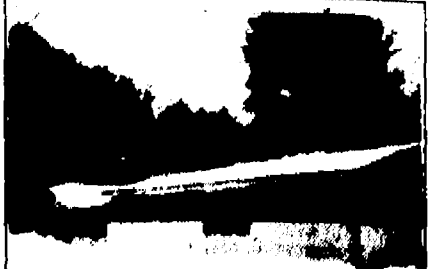
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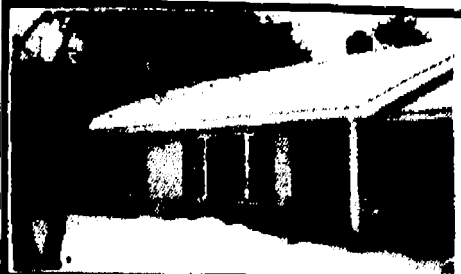


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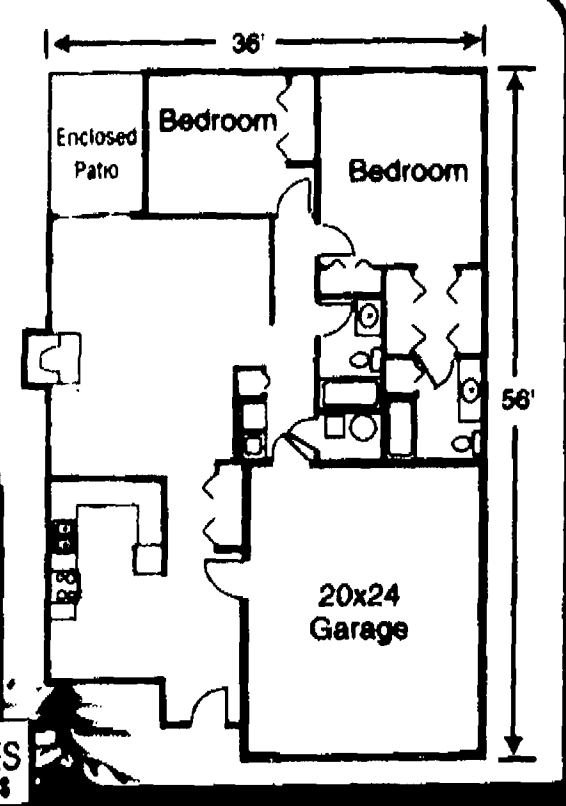
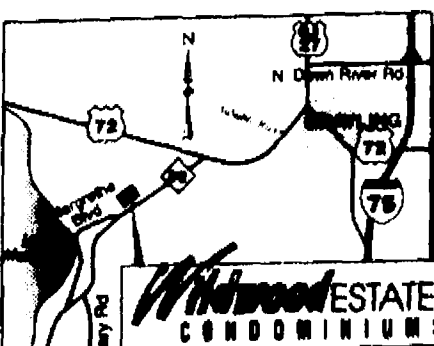
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6. Wanted

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WANTED: EXPERIENCED, DEPENDABLE, CARING, day-care provider. Weekdays for one-year-old baby. Send name, address, phone number and references with hourly rate to: Attn: Babysitter, P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. 4/10/97/6

MERCY HOSPITAL is looking for individuals interested in removal of a building. The building is located behind the new Mercy North Campus office. This old DNR storage building is made out of cedar that has many uses for crafts, etc. The individual selected will be responsible for removal of debris from the building site. Inquiries about the building can be directed to Josh Workman at 517-348-0463. -3-10/6

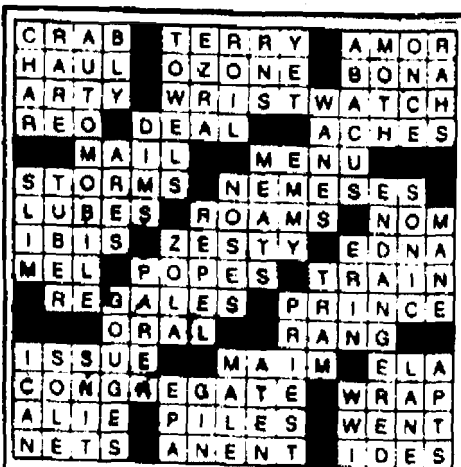
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ADVERTISING DEADLINES: Regular Display - 1/2 to full page, 5 pm Thursday. All other 5 pm Friday. Classified Display - 12 noon Monday. Classified by the word 12 noon Tuesday. These deadlines may change with notice due to holidays or special publication.

RENTER OF UNIT #1 at RV & Madi Storage. Is hereby notified the contents will be vacated and sold on 4/28/97 unless past rent is paid. Contact 348-6460. -10-17-24/8

ANN ARBOR ANTIQUES MARKET The Brusher Show, Saturday and Sunday, April 19 & 20, 8 am - 4 pm. "Celebrate Spring". 5055 Ann Arbor Saline Road, ext. #175 off I-94, then south three miles. Over 300 dealers in quality antiques and select collectibles all under cover. Admission \$5, 29th season. The original! -10-17/8

MICHELSON U.M. CHURCH kitchen lunch (Spruce St. entrance) Tuesday, April 15, 1997, 11 am to 1:30 pm. make your own sandwich, soup, desert and beverage. \$4 per person. -10/8

ATTENTION LOW-INCOME PERSONS
Attention low-income persons who are in need of housing. There may be a phone system available through the Crawford County Housing Commission and limited monthly payments available. For more information or an application, contact: Brenda at the Crawford County Housing Commission, 203 Huron St., Grayling, MI. These funds have been awarded to Crawford County through Community Block Development Grant #931000.

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Road commissions' books are wide open

Leaders of the County Road Association of Michigan (CRAM) invited Gov. John Engler and lawmakers to look at the financial books of any or all of the state's county road commissions.

"There's a misperception or misunderstanding out there that county road commissions have 'closed' books and don't like audits. Nothing could be further from the truth," said Brent Bair, managing director of the Road Commission for Oakland County.

"County road commissions have a long tradition of openness and accountability and we're proud of that. All of our books are wide open," said Bair. "All county road commissions are routinely audited — and those audits are public records."

Charles Erickson, chairman of the Dickinson County Road Commission, said any citizen can walk into any county road commission office and look at its records.

"It's been that way for years. We're issuing a special invitation today to anybody who doesn't believe it. Head on down to your county road commission office and check it out for yourself. It's not exciting reading, but it's there for everybody," he said.

"Actually, it's depressing reading since the audits show how the funds for roads are dropping while the condition of our roads is declining," he added.

Bair and Erickson issued the invitation at a news conference capping CRAM's annual meeting. Erickson will succeed Bair as CRAM president at the end of this month. At the news conference, they showed off a stack of county road commission audits from around the state.

Engler and some lawmakers have criticized some county road agencies for refusing audits by the Legislature's Auditor General.

Michael Craine, the managing director of the Livingston County Road Commission, said an attorney general's opinion found that it would be unconstitutional for the auditor general to do such audits. Such opinions carry the weight of law unless overturned in court.

"It's not a question of an audit. We don't mind another audit. We're bound to follow the attorney general's opinion, which says it's unconstitutional for the auditor general to do such an audit," Craine said.

CRAM Director John Niemela pointed out that the statewide group supports SB303, a transportation reform bill sponsored by Sen. Phil Hoffman (R-Horton). Among other things, the bill would require a performance audit for each county road agency.

"The county road commissions support the bill, because they know they're doing a good job. In fact, 65 of our 83 county road commissions have contracts with the state to do maintenance on state highways," Niemela said. "They wouldn't get those contracts if they weren't doing a good job."

11. Automotive

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Bair added the average administrative cost for a county road commission is less than five percent and that Michigan's county road commissions have been national leaders in privatization and cost-cutting.

A recent report by Public Sector Consultants Inc. showed Michigan ranks 49th nationally in the number of state and local road agency employees per 10,000 population, far below the 21 per 10,000 mark that is the national and Great Lakes average.

"That statistic shows how efficient road agencies are in our state. But it doesn't matter how efficient we are if we just don't have enough money to do the job," Bair said.

"The plain fact is Michigan has \$19 billion in unmet road needs. That's a huge number, but the longer we wait to fix our roads, the worse they'll become and the more it will cost the taxpayers to fix them."

Bair and Erickson also emphasized that the bulk of the road improvements

needed on Michigan's roads today would be done by the lowest bidding private contractors.

Erickson said he's optimistic that Engler, lawmakers, and local officials can come together and work out a forward-thinking, long-term solution to fix the roads.

"We all know what the problem is and we know what it will take to solve the problem," Erickson said.

"This should be the top priority for Governor Engler and the Legislature over the next few months. Spring starts today and that means the spring breakup of our roads is coming. Our roads will only be better if we make the proper investment in them. That's been lacking in our state for two decades."

The County Road Association of Michigan represents the 83 county road commissions and road agencies responsible for nearly 89,000 miles of roads across the state.

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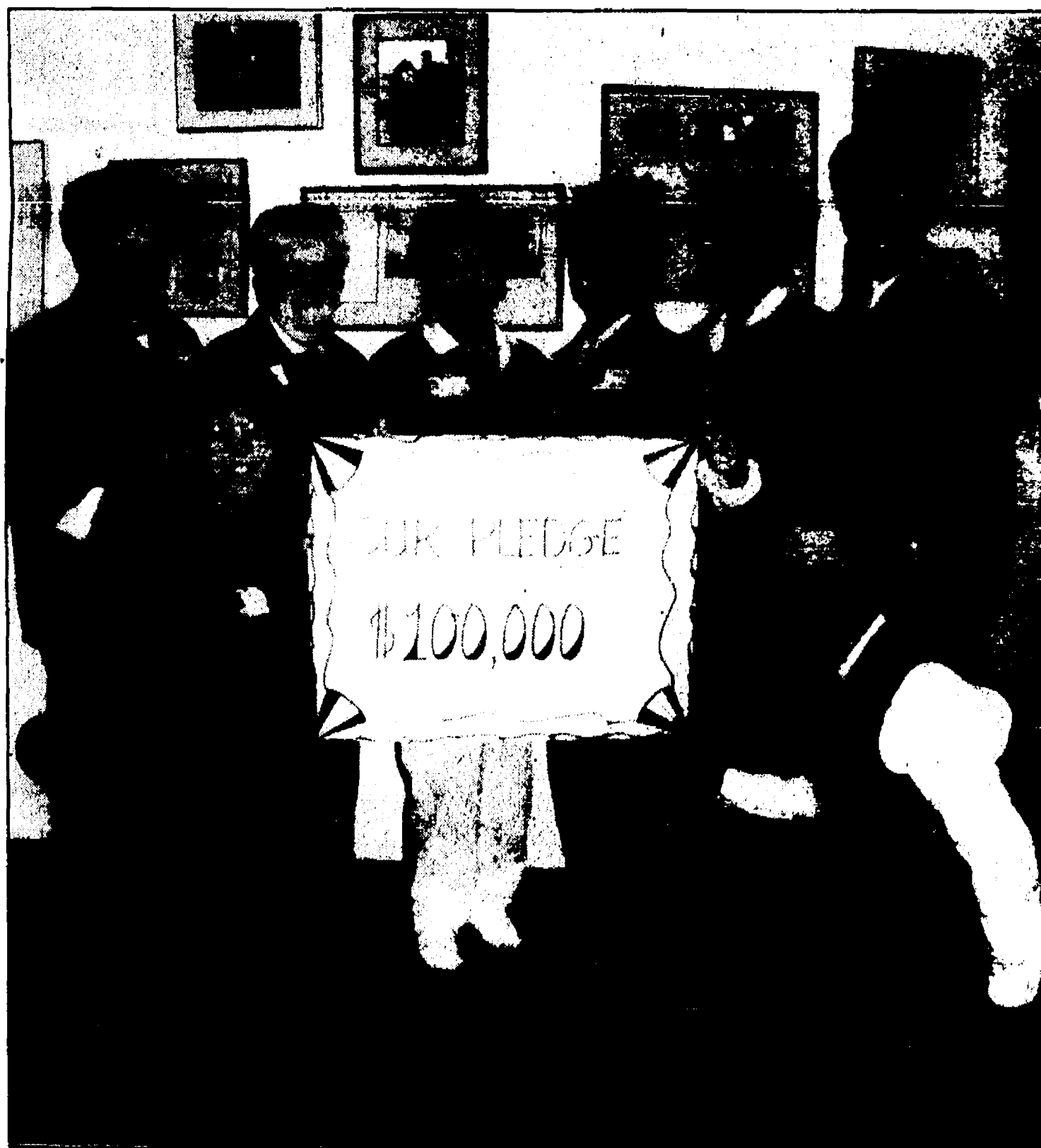
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